

9. There was a struggle for survival in the finch population.

10. Since finches that inherited the larger beaks were better able to survive during the drought more of them reproduced and their offspring had larger beaks too.

11. Realizing they would starve if their beaks stayed small, the finches developed larger beaks.

12. Because birds with small beaks now had a disadvantage, fewer of them were born and the average beak size gradually increased.

13. The smaller beak was now disadvantageous so the finches grew big beaks.

14. If you happened to be born small-beaked during the drought you were more likely to starve.

15. Once the drought caused small seeds to almost disappear, finches that happened to be born with beaks deep enough to eat large seeds had the advantageous trait.

16. The finch species adapted so it could survive.