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Questions



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Answers



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Accept: to find food, to breed, to escape extreme weather.



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Pupils' own responses, such as: I think some animals look for warmer climates during the winter months because they have more food and are easier to survive in.



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Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the intended audience for this text is a person who is learning about or is interested in migrating animals.