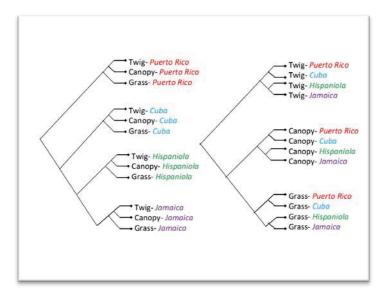
## The Origin of Species Lizards in an Evolutionary Tree



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1. Puerto Rico, Cuba, Jamaica, and Hispaniola have species of anole lizards with distinct body types, including the grass lizards, which have long tails; the canopy lizards, which have large toe pads; and the twig lizards, which have short legs. Anole species with each of these three body types exist on each of the four islands. The phylogenetic trees in the figure below illustrate two hypotheses for how these types of lizards may have evolved.



a. Which pair of statements in the table below accurately describes what each phylogenetic tree in the figure shows? (Circle the number with the correct answer.)

	Tree on the Left Side of the Figure	Tree on the Right Side of the Figure
1	The twig lizard on Puerto Rico evolved first and is the ancestor	The twig lizard evolved first on all of the islands, and then the
	to all the other lizards.	canopy and grass lizards evolved from the twig lizard.
2	Body types evolved repeatedly and independently on each	Different body types evolved once, and then populations of
	island.	individuals with those body types ended up on different
		islands.
3	Different body types evolved only once, and then populations	There are two ancestors to all the lizards, the twig lizard and
	of individuals with those body types ended up on different	the canopy lizard.
	islands.	
4	Puerto Rico is the origin of all three lizard body types.	Each body type evolved repeatedly and independently on
		each island.

b. According to the film, which tree in the figure illustrates the most likely hypothesis for how the different species of anole lizards evolved on the Caribbean islands? (Check one.)
the tree on the left
the tree on the right

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c. Using evidence presented in the film, explain the reasoning behind your answer in the question above (Part b).

2. Over many generations, natural selection favors those traits that enable populations to live successfully in a particular habitat. A scientist discovered two species of anole lizards that live in different habitats and display the characteristics listed in the table below. (The scientists based these observations on a sample of 20 lizards from each species.)

Observations of Two Species of Anoles			
Species	A	В	
Habitat	High trunks and branches	Lower trunk and ground	
Body length	130-191 mm	55-79 mm	
Limb length	Short	Long	
Toe-pad size	Large	Intermediate	
Color	Green	Brown	
Tail length	Long	Long	

a. Describe two differences between the two species of anoles.

b. Formulate two hypotheses to explain why each of these differences may have evolved.

c. Describe an experiment that would test one of your hypotheses stated above.

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- 3. Two organisms are considered to belong to different species if they
  - a. have differences in appearance, such as different color or leg length.
  - b. live in different geographical areas, such as on different islands.
  - c. do not mate or produce fertile offspring.
  - d. eat entirely different types of foods.
- 4. In the film, you saw Jonathan Losos place a male and female trunk-ground anole on an island that did not have any trees but had short grass and shrubs. Losos and colleagues visited the island the following year. What had happened?
  - a. The two anoles died because there were no trees for them to live in.
  - b. The two anoles reproduced and their offspring adapted to living in bushes.
  - c. The legs of the two anoles got shorter and their offspring inherited shorter legs.
  - d. The two anoles reproduced and there were no significant differences in traits from one generation to the next.
- 5. Which statement best explains why islands can be used as natural laboratories?
  - a. The climate among islands varies from very wet to very dry.
  - b. Islands are smaller in size than the mainland, so in that sense they are like a laboratory.
  - c. The islands have similar habitats, but they differ from the mainland habitat.
  - d. There are many small islands, meaning researchers can repeat their observations and experiments on several similar islands.
- 6. Describe the similarities and differences between the terms microevolution and macroevolution.

7. List two lines of evidence that Jonathan Losos has gathered through observation and experimentation that support the theory of natural selection developed by Charles Darwin.