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| **Past paper question – Competition in swallows and swifts** |

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| **1**     The table gives data about swallows and swifts.

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|   | **Swallows** | **Swifts** |
| **Arrival date in Britain** | April | Early May |
| **Leaving date from Britain** | October | Early August |
| **Food** | Flying insects | Flying insects |
| **Height at which the birds feed** | Near ground level | Up to 350m above ground level |
| **Times at which birds feed** | Mainly when it is light | Almost 24 hours per day |

**(a)**    There is very little competition between swallows and swifts for food.         Use information from the table to suggest **two** reasons for this.1 ...................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................2 ...................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................**(2)****(b)**    Swallows and swifts do compete for some factors.         Suggest **one** of these factors.......................................................................................................................................................................................................................................................**(1)****(Total 3 marks)**  |
| **Mark scheme**1     (a)      any **two** from•        feed / hunt at different heights **or** swifts feed higher up•        feed / hunt at different times **or** swifts feed at night•        arrive / depart at different times**2**(b)     nesting sites / territory / habitat*allow homes / space**ignore food unqualifiedallow well qualified food answerseg insects / food near the ground****or****insects / food when it’s light****or****insects / food between early May and early August***1****[3]**   |