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Questions



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Pupils' own responses, such as: The scientist has the hint of a playful smile and her eyes are shining, which both suggest she is excited about the contents of the wicker basket.