

# The Scientist

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73 Curiously, she had swapped the box of test tubes that  
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101 of a smile at its edges and her emerald eyes sparkled.  
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112 glad you're here."



## Questions



1. Find and copy one word that tells us her eyes are green.

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2. How has the scientist changed since the author's last visit?

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# Answers



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**emerald**



2. How has the scientist changed since the author's last visit?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: She has swapped her box of test tubes for a bright red basket and her mouth, which is usually serious, is smiling slightly.**



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1. **her lab coat**

2. **her official lanyard**



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**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think that the author used the simile 'as straight as a ruler' to emphasise how straight her back was.**