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Questions



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Pupil's own responses, such as: I think 'Diet' could come next in each snake's fact file. Then, people could find out what they eat.