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Questions



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Pupils' own responses, such as: I think they shared the fossil with experts so they could find out more about it.



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Mary Anning's dog was called Tray.