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Questions



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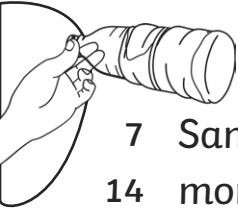


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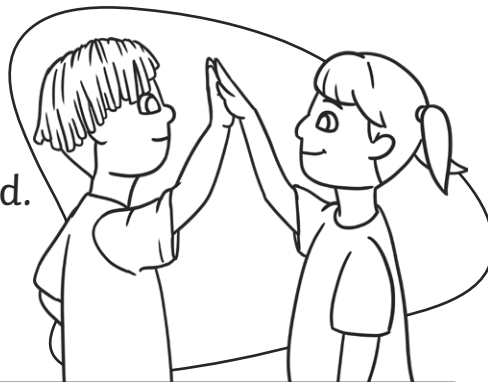
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Pupils' own responses, such as: I think Michael will stop them and tell them about reducing waste.



4. Why do you think Michael moved slowly away from the bin?

Pupils' own responses, such as: I think he moved away slowly because he was confused about what was going on.