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## Questions



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**Pupils’ own responses, such as: I think this means that James’s mother has the same smile as his great-grandfather. I think James can see that they look similar.**



4. Write the next sentence of the story.  
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