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55 thought them handsome but she was as gentle as the
63 breeze on a summer's morning. Remnants of flour
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81 haphazardly on the top of her head. Her back was
89 forever hunched from tending to her garden - growing
100 herbs to cure a range of illnesses was how she created
108 her magic. Happiest when exploring the woods, she
117 would ramble all day, picking bunches of nettles with
120 her calloused hands.

Questions



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- ☐ stomp with anger
- ☐ jump with joy



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Pupils' own responses, such as: The rumours say that witches cast evil spells but Wendy uses her magic for good; for example, by making medicine.



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Accept one of:

- **She was proud to say she had eight in total.**
- **She thought them handsome.**