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Quick Questions

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Pupils' own responses, such as: We don't know about Nelson Mandela's parents or whether he had any brothers or sisters.