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Quick Questions



1. What does Paul predict the results of?



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3. Why do some people think Paul is a football expert?



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Answers



1. What does Paul predict the results of?
football matches (in the World Cup)



2. Which adjectives has the author used to describe the boxes in Paul's tank?

clear/plastic



3. Why do some people think Paul is a football expert?

Example answer: Because he has already correctly predicted the winner of six matches.



4. What do you think – is Paul just a lucky octopus?
Pupil's own answer with reference to the text, e.g. Yes – because an octopus wouldn't really know anything about sport.