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Quick Questions

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Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the author chose the phrase 'unexpectedly elegant' because Mr Stink is not the type of person you might expect to show elegance because of how he looks and how he smells.

