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Elias

Questions



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- ◯ sticks
- ◯ feathers
- ◯ moss



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   Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the author chose this phrase to highlight to the reader how easy and quickly the penguins can move in water.