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Quick Questions

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Getting to the Scilly Isles
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- Pupils' own responses, such as: The word picturesque suggests that the Scilly Isles may have beautiful beaches and pretty scenery.**

