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Questions

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Pupils' own responses, such as: I think Matilda was feeling scared and confused because it says 'she could not understand' but also strong and powerful as it says she had 'a feeling of great strength'.

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Pupils' own responses, such as: The author's choice of words makes Matilda seem powerful because it describes the feeling she is having growing and getting stronger. It also says 'A sense of power was brewing'.