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- Your nose and ears continue growing throughout your entire life.
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Quick Questions

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Answers

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   Special or individual with nothing like it.

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   stapes, stirrup

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   Answers will vary. Possible answers: Clear presentation, easy-to-read, clear separation of facts

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   Answers will vary. Possible answer: The facts are interesting, entertaining, and informative for the reader.