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59 computer screen to code, which makes it difficult for
66 people who are blind or visually impaired.
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83 series of pods which each have their own texture.
93 Apple is working with a charity to help those who
100 are visually impaired or blind to code.
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Quick Questions

1. Find a phrase which shows the author thinks coding is really useful.

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2. What would teachers think about this story? Explain your answer.

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Answers

1. Find a phrase which shows the author thinks coding is really useful.
   Coding is a great skill to learn.

2. What would teachers think about this story? Explain your answer.
   Accept any answer which refers to the story, e.g. I think that they would be very happy as all children can now learn to code.

3. Why can coding be difficult for blind or visually impaired people?
   You often need to be able to see a computer screen to code.

4. How do you think other companies will react to this news? Explain your answer.
   Accept any reasonable answer which refers to the story, e.g. I think other companies will try to make things to help blind or visually impaired people so they will feel included.