

1. patting ✓
2. peeling ✓
3. sharpening ✓
4. ~~had~~ inserting ✓
5. vibrating ✓
6. would open ✓
7. make a margin ✓
8. imprint ✓
9. fold ✓
10. press ✓
11. release ✓
12. smooth ✓
13. ~~moisten~~ with her lips -
14. dipping ✓

take aback

He has his birthday next month. Let's take him aback.

affection

Amy looked affectionately at him.

stupendous

Wow! What a stupendous surprise!

pant

The Old man panted after long gruelling way. *nice!*

emit

Some factories emit lots of harmful gasses.

puff

After eating kiwi, he looked puffed. He is probably allergic. *→ you would need the prep. here: so "puffed up"*

moisten

The laundry is still little bit moist. Keep it there.

dip

Try to dip these nachos in tomato sauce.

sloppy

He is so sloppy. He makes mess everywhere.

exquisite

Surfing was such an exquisite experience for me.

"to take 'aback.'" phrasal verb meaning to surprise or to shock someone, but usually used in a passive structure. "e.g." He was taken aback by the crowd of friends yelling "surprise". Doesn't work with "Let up ~".

It's true "moist" means 'slightly wet', but for clothing, laundry, material "damp" would be better.

1. Why does Nabokov focus on Mademoiselles' hands?

\* "Before her time no stranger had ever stroked my face. Mademoiselle, as soon as she came, had taken me completely aback by patting my cheek in sign of spontaneous affection." and the hands were ugly so they captured him

2. How old is Mademoiselle? Give evidence for your speculations from text.

"...because of the froggy gloss on their tight skin besprinkled with brown ecchymotic spots." -> very old

3. How would you characterize her? Is she a good teacher? Bad? Or.....? Why?

I don't know if she is a good or bad teacher, but I think she is the type of really old, strict, prim and disliked teacher.

possible, but <sup>a</sup> better reason is given in the 1<sup>st</sup> sentence: that when we are children adult's hands are at our eye level (paraphrase)

Nicely done,  
Thanks, J.

good.