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Instructions: Read each question carefully and choose the best answer.

1. How are all these animals alike?
 - Ⓐ All of them have fins.
 - Ⓑ All of the animals live in very cold water.
 - Ⓒ All of the animals live on the land in Alaska.
2. Anemones have **tentacles**. What are **tentacles**?
 - Ⓐ Tentacles are eyes.
 - Ⓑ Tentacles are shiny red spikes.
 - Ⓒ Tentacles are soft arms.
3. Why must a person be gentle when touching these animals?
 - Ⓐ The animals might run away.
 - Ⓑ The water is very cold.
 - Ⓒ These animals are very fragile.
4. A sea cucumber and a brick are alike in what way?
 - Ⓐ Both are red.
 - Ⓑ Both are very hard.
 - Ⓒ Both are slimy.
5. How do you think the sea cucumber got its name?
 - Ⓐ It tastes like a cucumber.
 - Ⓑ It can be used to make pickles.
 - Ⓒ It is shaped like a cucumber.
6. **Extended Response:** Why is it important to touch the animals with only two fingers?

Quick Check Answer Sheet**At a Touch Tank**

Main Comprehension Skill: Compare and Contrast

1. Ⓑ *Compare and Contrast*
2. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
3. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
4. Ⓐ *Compare and Contrast*
5. Ⓒ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
6. Answers will vary but should include that it is to help keep the animals safe.