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

1. What do we call a plant that lives off another living thing?
 - Ⓐ a flower
 - Ⓑ a root
 - Ⓒ a parasite
 - Ⓓ a stone
2. How do wool-like hairs benefit some cactus plants?
 - Ⓐ The "wool" protects them from nighttime cold.
 - Ⓑ The "wool" helps them hold moisture.
 - Ⓒ The "wool" protects them from daytime heat.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
3. Which statement is an opinion?
 - Ⓐ Most plants have green leaves.
 - Ⓑ The dodder plant is a parasite.
 - Ⓒ Australian orchids grow underground.
 - Ⓓ Stone plants are not pretty.
4. What is the main idea of this book?
 - Ⓐ Bamboo makes a noise when it grows.
 - Ⓑ Some flowers smell bad.
 - Ⓒ There are many strange plants.
 - Ⓓ Some plants eat meat.
5. Why do flies fly into the stapelia flower?
 - Ⓐ The flower smells bad to people.
 - Ⓑ They want to hide.
 - Ⓒ It smells like a tasty meal.
 - Ⓓ They need to drink.
6. What kind of air is good for air plants?
 - Ⓐ warm air
 - Ⓑ dry air
 - Ⓒ cold air
 - Ⓓ moist air

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7. What detail supports the main idea that some plants eat meat?
 - Ⓐ The sundew plant digests insects stuck in its sticky hairs.
 - Ⓑ There are plants that eat meat.
 - Ⓒ The dodder plant sucks food and water from another plant.
 - Ⓓ The stapelia flower smells like rotting meat.
8. What is a **critter**?
 - Ⓐ a type of flower
 - Ⓑ the stem of the cactus plant
 - Ⓒ a small animal
 - Ⓓ another name for a meat-eating plant
9. How does the stone plant protect itself from being eaten by animals?
 - Ⓐ It grows above the ground so animals can't reach it.
 - Ⓑ It has small spikes that animals don't like to chew.
 - Ⓒ Its shape helps it hide from animals.
 - Ⓓ It has wool-like hairs that protect it.
10. What do the Venus flytrap and the sundew plant have in common?
 - Ⓐ They trap and eat insects.
 - Ⓑ They look like stones.
 - Ⓒ They grow out of solid rock.
 - Ⓓ They are parasites.
11. **Extended Response:** Explain how the Venus flytrap, the sundew, and the stapelia flower are alike and different.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Strange Plants

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
2. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
3. Ⓓ *Fact or Opinion*
4. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
5. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
6. Ⓓ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
7. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
9. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
10. Ⓐ *Compare and Contrast*
11. The Venus flytrap and the sundew both are meat-eating plants. The leaves of the Venus flytrap snap shut and trap the insects inside. The sundew has sticky hairs that catch insects. The stapelia flower attracts insects with a smell that is like rotting meat. The stapelia flower doesn't eat the insects, though.