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

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What did the boy do with his spare time? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ played sports Ⓑ watched TV Ⓒ played computer games Ⓓ read books 2. Why do you think his mom just said, "Is that all?" when he told her about his computer? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ His mother knew the computer was really there all the time. Ⓑ His mother didn't listen to what he said. Ⓒ His mother knew there were other things he could do in his spare time. Ⓓ His mother never liked the computer. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. What did he find out about reading books? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ Books were not as fun as computer games. Ⓑ It was too hard to read the books. Ⓒ Reading books made him make pictures in his mind. Ⓓ He liked computers better than reading books. 4. What happened that made the boy scream? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ His computer disappeared. Ⓑ He had a bad dream. Ⓒ His book collection got wet. Ⓓ His dog bit him. 5. To the boy, playing on his computer was like _____. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ a movie in his mind Ⓑ a dream in his mind Ⓒ watching TV Ⓓ playing with a friend |
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6. If you are feeling **forlorn**, you are feeling _____.
 - Ⓐ excited
 - Ⓑ very angry and upset
 - Ⓒ bored
 - Ⓓ abandoned or deserted
7. What happened when the boy lost his computer?
 - Ⓐ He played with friends for the first time.
 - Ⓑ He watched TV.
 - Ⓒ He rode his bike around the neighborhood.
 - Ⓓ He read lots of books.
8. How does the boy feel after he lost his computer?
 - Ⓐ happy
 - Ⓑ upset
 - Ⓒ excited
 - Ⓓ embarrassed
9. What did the boy learn from this experience?
 - Ⓐ Playing computer games wasn't the only fun thing he could do.
 - Ⓑ His parents didn't know anything about computers.
 - Ⓒ He didn't like to do anything but play games on the computer.
 - Ⓓ He never wanted to play on the computer again.
10. What does the phrase *it might as well have been a million years* mean?
 - Ⓐ The boy would never get his computer back.
 - Ⓑ The week or two would seem like forever without his computer.
 - Ⓒ His computer would be back soon.
 - Ⓓ The boy would not wait that long.

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11. Extended Response: On the back of this page, write what you think the author of the story wanted readers to learn from reading about the boy and his computer.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

The Mind Game

Main Comprehension Skill: Analyze Character

1. Ⓒ *Story Elements*
2. Ⓒ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
3. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
4. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
5. Ⓑ *Story Elements*
6. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
7. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
8. Ⓑ *Analyze Character*
9. Ⓐ *Analyze Character*
10. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but could include the following: *reading books can be fun, doing only one thing in your spare time is not the best thing to do because you could miss out on other things, and so on.*