

## Quick Check

## Arthur's Bad News Day

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. How does Arthur feel at first about his baby sister?
  - Ⓐ upset
  - Ⓑ bored
  - Ⓒ tired
  - Ⓓ excited
2. What things does Arthur like about each day?
  - Ⓐ He gets to eat his favorite cereal.
  - Ⓑ He gets to stay up and watch TV.
  - Ⓒ He gets to ride his new bike to school.
  - Ⓓ None of the above
3. What is one reason why Arthur thinks he will not like his new sister?
  - Ⓐ because he knows the baby won't like him
  - Ⓑ because his parents always wanted a girl
  - Ⓒ because of what happened to his friend Jeff
  - Ⓓ because of what happened the last time he got a new baby sister
4. What do Arthur and his friend Jeff have in common?
  - Ⓐ They both wear glasses.
  - Ⓑ They both like pancakes.
  - Ⓒ They both have baby sisters.
  - Ⓓ All of the above
5. What makes Arthur change his mind about his sister?
  - Ⓐ She cries and kicks.
  - Ⓑ She smiles at him.
  - Ⓒ She falls asleep in his lap.
  - Ⓓ She holds on to his finger.

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6. How does Arthur feel when he holds his sister?
  - Ⓐ He feels upset that he has to share things with her.
  - Ⓑ He feels good being a big brother.
  - Ⓒ He wants his mom to take her back.
  - Ⓓ He feels sad and unhappy.
7. What does Arthur learn by the end of this story?
  - Ⓐ Having a new sister is terrible.
  - Ⓑ His parents have enough love to share with everyone.
  - Ⓒ He can only count on his friends for help.
  - Ⓓ Being the focus of attention is no fun.
8. Which of the following words is a compound word, a word made up of two smaller words?
  - Ⓐ perfect
  - Ⓑ chocolate
  - Ⓒ pancake
  - Ⓓ blanket
9. What problem does Arthur think he will have with a baby sister?
  - Ⓐ His parents won't notice him anymore.
  - Ⓑ The baby will cry a lot.
  - Ⓒ He won't be able to get a dog.
  - Ⓓ He will have to share his room.
10. What makes Arthur think it will be bad news having a baby sister?
  - Ⓐ He has seen what happens on TV.
  - Ⓑ His mom told him what it will be like.
  - Ⓒ His friend told him what it's like having a sister.
  - Ⓓ He read about it in a book.
11. **Extended Response:** What lesson does the author hope the reader learns from the story?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

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*Main Comprehension Skill: Cause and Effect*

1. Ⓐ *Analyze Character*
2. Ⓓ *Analyze Character*
3. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
4. Ⓒ *Compare and Contrast*
5. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
6. Ⓑ *Analyze Character*
7. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
9. Ⓓ *Problem and Solution*
10. Ⓒ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
11. Answers will vary but should include the following idea:  
*having an open mind and learning not to make up your mind about something before it happens.*