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

1. Which of the following describes the setting of the story?
 - Ⓐ The story takes place on the Fourth of July.
 - Ⓑ The story takes place in winter.
 - Ⓒ The story takes place on a beach.
 - Ⓓ The story takes place in the middle of the night.
2. What happens before Sam leads the parade?
 - Ⓐ He dances to the music.
 - Ⓑ He meets the mayor.
 - Ⓒ He eats some barbecue.
 - Ⓓ He dresses in a special suit.
3. What does the **Independence Day** holiday celebrate?
 - Ⓐ the founding of Plymouth Colony in 1620
 - Ⓑ a day of thanks that traces back to the Pilgrims
 - Ⓒ the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776
 - Ⓓ a day for honoring armed service veterans of our country
4. What causes Sam to dance?
 - Ⓐ He dances because he is listening to patriotic music.
 - Ⓑ He dances because he really likes to eat barbecue.
 - Ⓒ He dances because he likes the decorations.
 - Ⓓ He dances because he wants to surprise the mayor.

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5. Which detail is an opinion?
 - Ⓐ Sam is the Grand Marshal of the parade.
 - Ⓑ Sam loves the Fourth of July more than anyone.
 - Ⓒ Veterans are people who were in the armed forces.
 - Ⓓ Everyone laughs when Sam runs around the mayor.
6. Which of the following lists has the correct sequence of events?
 - Ⓐ Sam meets the mayor, leads a parade, and dresses in a special suit.
 - Ⓑ Sam dresses in a special suit, meets the mayor, and leads a parade.
 - Ⓒ Sam dresses in a special suit, leads a parade, and meets the mayor.
 - Ⓓ Sam leads a parade, meets the mayor, and dresses in a special suit.
7. Which compound word means the same as *bright or colorful displays of light, sound, and smoke*?
 - Ⓐ fireflies
 - Ⓑ firefighters
 - Ⓒ fireplaces
 - Ⓓ fireworks
8. Readers can tell that the town likes Sam because _____.
 - Ⓐ they fill the town with decorations
 - Ⓑ they come to see him and follow him around
 - Ⓒ they have a big parade
 - Ⓓ none of the above
9. What event happens after the mayor meets with Sam?
 - Ⓐ Sam dances to the band music.
 - Ⓑ People decorate the town with ribbons and banners.
 - Ⓒ Sam dresses in a suit of stars and stripes.
 - Ⓓ People follow Sam and the parade to the park.

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10. How many times does Sam bark when the mayor asks him what day is the birthday of the United States?

- Ⓐ seven times
- Ⓑ five times
- Ⓒ one time
- Ⓓ four times

11. **Extended Response:** Sam was having a great day being Grand Marshall of the Fourth of July parade. What caused Sam to run away from the park?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Sam's Fourth of July

Main Comprehension Skill: Sequence Events

1. Ⓐ *Story Elements*
2. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
3. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
5. Ⓑ *Fact or Opinion*
6. Ⓒ *Sequence Events*
7. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
8. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
9. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
10. Ⓓ *Story Elements*
11. Answers will vary but should include the idea that Sam was scared and wanted to get away from the noise.