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

1. The main purpose of this book is _____.
 - Ⓐ to entertain readers with a story about a boy from space
 - Ⓑ to inform readers about the planet Earth
 - Ⓒ to inform readers about traveling in space
 - Ⓓ to persuade readers to take over a planet
2. What problem does Zorb have in this story?
 - Ⓐ He does not want to play kickball.
 - Ⓑ His parents will not let him take over Earth.
 - Ⓒ His parents will not let him fly the spaceship.
 - Ⓓ He does not know how to take his suit off.
3. How does Zorb change from the beginning to the end of the story?
 - Ⓐ He learns to play kickball.
 - Ⓑ He learns that humans are not bad after all.
 - Ⓒ He learns that he should mind his parents.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
4. Read this sentence: *Zorb wants to **take over** Earth.* The words **take over** mean _____.
 - Ⓐ travel in a special ship
 - Ⓑ move from one place to another
 - Ⓒ take control of
 - Ⓓ learn something new
5. Which word best describes the emotion Zorb feels when he says, "Earth is mine"?
 - Ⓐ happiness
 - Ⓑ anger
 - Ⓒ boredom
 - Ⓓ nervousness

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6. Zorb's parents are _____.
 - Ⓐ patient
 - Ⓑ angry
 - Ⓒ nervous
 - Ⓓ all of the above
7. What happens after Zorb kicks a home run?
 - Ⓐ He tries to take over the controls.
 - Ⓑ He sees his mom and dad watching the game.
 - Ⓒ The kids ignore him.
 - Ⓓ He takes a deep breath and counts to ten.
8. Which word means to *instantly move from one place to another*?
 - Ⓐ huddle
 - Ⓑ take over
 - Ⓒ teleport
 - Ⓓ salute
9. What type of book is *Grounded to Earth*?
 - Ⓐ science fiction
 - Ⓑ biographical nonfiction
 - Ⓒ realistic fiction
 - Ⓓ informational nonfiction
10. Why does Zorb take control of the spaceship?
 - Ⓐ He wants to play kickball.
 - Ⓑ He wants to learn a lesson.
 - Ⓒ He wants to make friends.
 - Ⓓ He wants to take over Earth.
11. **Extended Response:** Tell how the story might have changed if Zorb's parents let him take over Earth.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Grounded to Earth

Main Comprehension Skill: Analyze Character

1. Ⓐ *Author's Purpose*
2. Ⓑ *Problem and Solution*
3. Ⓓ *Analyze Character*
4. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
5. Ⓑ *Analyze Character*
6. Ⓐ *Analyze Character*
7. Ⓑ *Sequence Events*
8. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
9. Ⓐ *Identify Genre*
10. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
11. Answers will vary but should include information about how the story might be different if Zorb's parents let him take over Earth.