

## Quick Check

## Owen and the Tortoise

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

1. What happened to Owen after he was pulled out to sea?
  - Ⓐ He sank to the bottom and almost drowned.
  - Ⓑ A giant wave took him back in to shore.
  - Ⓒ He came to rest on a large island.
  - Ⓓ He found his mother.
2. What happened to the ships when the tsunami reached them?
  - Ⓐ They crashed to shore.
  - Ⓑ They sank to bottom.
  - Ⓒ They rose and fell gently.
  - Ⓓ All of the above
3. What is the setting for this story?
  - Ⓐ a stormy morning in Florida
  - Ⓑ a sunny day in Kenya
  - Ⓒ long ago in England
  - Ⓓ in the future in a big city
4. What would Owen's mother have been doing after Owen was taken out to sea?
  - Ⓐ sleeping under the large trees
  - Ⓑ looking in the river for Owen
  - Ⓒ finding a new home
  - Ⓓ playing in the river
5. The story states that *the wave began to **crest***. What does **crest** mean?
  - Ⓐ to hit the shore
  - Ⓑ to have a lot of energy
  - Ⓒ to reach the top of something
  - Ⓓ to be pushed over something
6. Why was Owen lucky in this story?
  - Ⓐ He survived the tsunami.
  - Ⓑ He found a new mom.
  - Ⓒ He was taken care of.
  - Ⓓ All of the above

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7. What surprised the wildlife ranger?
  - Ⓐ the tsunami
  - Ⓑ the tortoise in the park
  - Ⓒ Owen's mother in the river
  - Ⓓ Owen near the shore of the ocean
8. What does it mean to be **surrounded**?
  - Ⓐ to be found and rescued
  - Ⓑ to be enclosed all around
  - Ⓒ to be of great size
  - Ⓓ to be lost
9. How did the wildlife ranger help Owen after the tsunami?
  - Ⓐ He tried to find Owen's home.
  - Ⓑ He looked all over for Owen's mother.
  - Ⓒ He gave Owen food and water.
  - Ⓓ He took Owen to the wildlife park.
10. What caused Owen to be pulled out to sea?
  - Ⓐ The tsunami pulled water from the river out to sea.
  - Ⓑ There was a flood caused by days of rain.
  - Ⓒ A wave from a large boat caught him.
  - Ⓓ A rush of water came down the river.
11. **Extended Response:** Explain how Owen treated Mzee and why he treated him in that way.

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Problem and Solution

1. Ⓑ Sequence Events
2. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
3. Ⓑ Story Elements
4. Ⓑ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
5. Ⓒ Vocabulary
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9. Ⓓ Problem and Solution
10. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
11. Answers will vary but should include the following ideas:  
*Owen treated Mzee like his mother since he could not find his own mother after being swept away by the tsunami. Owen cuddled up to Mzee and followed him around. Owen did this because Mzee was the same color as his mother. Also Mzee didn't seem to mind Owen being around him.*