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

1. Which sentence helps readers know that Darryl is skeptical about having a vegetarian Thanksgiving?
  - Ⓐ "I need more than rabbit food for Thanksgiving," he muttered.
  - Ⓑ "This family should open a restaurant," said another.
  - Ⓒ "I know what it means," Darryl snapped.
  - Ⓓ "How are we supposed to sit down?" Darryl asked.
2. Darryl was afraid he would **starve**, which means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ to eat a meal which people bring food or drink to share
  - Ⓑ to make something more attractive by adding color
  - Ⓒ to suffer from extreme hunger
  - Ⓓ to not eat meat
3. Which of the following helps readers know that Jessica has an easygoing personality?
  - Ⓐ "I want to show you the dining room," Jessica said.
  - Ⓑ "We usually play board games until dinner is ready. Want to play?"
  - Ⓒ "I hadn't thought of that," Jessica laughed. "I guess we'll just have to break the chain."
  - Ⓓ Jessica burst out of the front door, looking excited to see them.
4. Which of the following sentences show Darryl's problem?
  - Ⓐ Most of the guests weren't vegetarians, either.
  - Ⓑ Darryl didn't know the names of half of the dishes of food.
  - Ⓒ On the table sat the biggest bowl of salad Darryl had ever seen.
  - Ⓓ Having no turkey on Thanksgiving is just plain crazy.

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5. Which words best describe Darryl's character in the beginning of the story?
  - Ⓐ mean-spirited
  - Ⓑ easygoing
  - Ⓒ doubtful
  - Ⓓ happy
6. What happens right after everyone plays board games together?
  - Ⓐ They eat dessert.
  - Ⓑ They go home.
  - Ⓒ They decorate the dining room.
  - Ⓓ They eat their meal.
7. Read the following sentence: *Darryl also learned that stuffing made without a turkey is called dressing.* Does this sentence inform, persuade, or entertain?
  - Ⓐ inform
  - Ⓑ persuade
  - Ⓒ entertain
  - Ⓓ all of the above
8. Which of the following tells what a **vegetarian** is?
  - Ⓐ a mixture often made of bread, seasoning, and vegetables
  - Ⓑ someone who does not eat meat
  - Ⓒ a meal to which people bring food or drink to share
  - Ⓓ someone who celebrates Thanksgiving
9. Which sentence helps readers know that Jessica is a loving person?
  - Ⓐ His mom laughed as they pulled into the driveway of Jessica's house.
  - Ⓑ Jessica gave Darryl and his mom big welcome hugs before taking them inside.
  - Ⓒ "Mom let me decorate it this year, and I made the salad."
  - Ⓓ "I hadn't thought of that," Jessica laughed.

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10. What is the effect of Darryl eating so many vegetarian dishes?

- Ⓐ He wants to go get some real food after the party.
- Ⓑ He decides to stop being friends with Jessica.
- Ⓒ He asks his mom if he can become a vegetarian.
- Ⓓ He is surprisingly full and happy.

11. **Extended Response:** Why do you think the author wrote this story? Use the text to support your answer.

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## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## Spare the Turkey

*Main Comprehension Skill: Analyze Character*

1. Ⓐ *Analyze Character*
2. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
3. Ⓒ *Analyze Character*
4. Ⓓ *Problem and Solution*
5. Ⓒ *Analyze Character*
6. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
7. Ⓐ *Author's Purpose*
8. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
9. Ⓑ *Analyze Character*
10. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
11. Answers will vary slightly but should include the idea that the author wanted to inform readers about a vegetarian Thanksgiving. Answers may also include the idea that the author wanted to show readers that Thanksgiving has more to do with just eating turkey—it is about sharing a meal with friends and/or family.