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

1. Which of the following is true about leprechauns?
  - Ⓐ Leprechauns are creatures from Irish legends.
  - Ⓑ Leprechauns are very tall.
  - Ⓒ Leprechauns don't like gold.
  - Ⓓ Leprechauns never wear hats.
2. What does Aja see before entering the classroom after the fire drill?
  - Ⓐ a leprechaun
  - Ⓑ a chair pushed under the fire alarm
  - Ⓒ a fire
  - Ⓓ her sister
3. What is different about Aja's classroom after the fire drill?
  - Ⓐ All the desks are decorated.
  - Ⓑ Ms. McBride's desk is decorated.
  - Ⓒ Aja's desk is decorated.
  - Ⓓ The classroom is a mess.
4. How does Aja feel when she sees her desk is decorated?
  - Ⓐ surprised
  - Ⓑ upset
  - Ⓒ scared
  - Ⓓ angry
5. Read this sentence: *The students crowd into the green and **glittery** classroom.* What is **glittery**?
  - Ⓐ shiny or sparkly
  - Ⓑ yellow
  - Ⓒ dull or flat
  - Ⓓ fancy

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6. Why doesn't Aja believe Ms. McBride's story about leprechauns at first?
  - Ⓐ Aja is older than the other students.
  - Ⓑ Sammy told her that there is no such thing as leprechauns.
  - Ⓒ Aja thinks that Ms. McBride is mean.
  - Ⓓ Aja's sister told her that Ms. McBride decorates the classroom every St. Patrick's Day.
7. How does Aja know Ms. McBride didn't decorate her desk?
  - Ⓐ Ms. McBride tells Aja that it wasn't her.
  - Ⓑ Ms. McBride doesn't know how to decorate.
  - Ⓒ Ms. McBride was with her the whole time they were out of the classroom.
  - Ⓓ Ms. McBride doesn't like green.
8. What causes Aja to think that leprechauns might be real?
  - Ⓐ Her teacher tells her they are real.
  - Ⓑ The classroom is decorated.
  - Ⓒ Her desk is decorated after the fire drill.
  - Ⓓ She sees a leprechaun pull the fire alarm.
9. Events that cannot be explained make this story a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ biography
  - Ⓑ mystery
  - Ⓒ poem
  - Ⓓ journal
10. What does **magical** mean?
  - Ⓐ beyond the ordinary, as if caused by magic
  - Ⓑ impossible
  - Ⓒ mysterious or unexplained
  - Ⓓ scary
11. **Extended Response:** Was the St. Patrick's Day mystery solved? Explain in your own words.

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## The St. Patrick's Day Mystery

Main Comprehension Skill: Sequence Events

1. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
2. Ⓑ *Sequence Events*
3. Ⓒ *Sequence Events*
4. Ⓐ *Analyze Character*
5. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
7. Ⓒ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
8. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
9. Ⓑ *Identify Genre*
10. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but should include the following ideas:  
*A mystery was actually created, not solved. Aja did not believe in leprechauns before, but now she's not really sure.*