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

1. Which of the following is not a reason for people to leave a town?
  - (A) running out of resources
  - (B) no longer finding work
  - (C) natural disasters
  - (D) too many resources
2. What do all ghost towns have in common?
  - (A) They are filled with animals.
  - (B) They are lonely places.
  - (C) They are dangerous for people.
  - (D) They are too cold to survive.
3. What is the main idea of this book?
  - (A) Ghost towns are empty places where people once lived.
  - (B) Ghost towns are haunted places with many ghosts.
  - (C) Ghost towns are places with many people and animals.
  - (D) Ghost towns are old places that have been empty for centuries.
4. What caused people to leave a town in an African desert?
  - (A) Whales became hard to find.
  - (B) Gold became hard to find.
  - (C) Diamonds became hard to find.
  - (D) Silver became hard to find.
5. What is a **resource**?
  - (A) a rare, precious stone that is prized for its beauty
  - (B) a dangerous and powerful type of energy
  - (C) a distant or isolated place
  - (D) a supply of something valuable or very useful
6. Which of these events happened first in the history of a town in Japan?
  - (A) Harmful radiation filled the air.
  - (B) Huge waves hit a nuclear power plant.
  - (C) Thousands of people had to move away.
  - (D) A large earthquake occurred off the coast of Japan.

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7. What caused a town in Argentina to become a ghost town?
  - Ⓐ a huge flood
  - Ⓑ an earthquake
  - Ⓒ a fire
  - Ⓓ a volcanic eruption
8. Which of the following is a fact about ghost towns?
  - Ⓐ They are all created the same way.
  - Ⓑ They are all created by natural disasters.
  - Ⓒ They are created in many different ways.
  - Ⓓ They are all spooky and haunted by ghosts.
9. What caused a village in Italy to become a ghost town?
  - Ⓐ a drought
  - Ⓑ earthquakes and landslides
  - Ⓒ an underground fire
  - Ⓓ a loss of gold
10. Read this sentence: *In 1908, a **diamond** was found in a desert in Africa.* What is a **diamond**?
  - Ⓐ a rare and precious stone
  - Ⓑ a supply of something valuable
  - Ⓒ a large, destructive ocean wave
  - Ⓓ a new place for people to live
11. **Extended Response:** Choose two ghost towns from the book. Do you think they will ever become regular towns again? Why or why not? Give specific examples to support your answer.

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## Ghost Towns

*Main Comprehension Skill: Cause and Effect*

1. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓑ *Compare and Contrast*
3. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
4. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
5. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
7. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
8. Ⓒ *Fact or Opinion*
9. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
10. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but should include specific examples from the book of two ghosts towns and sound reasoning.