

Quick Check

Talking to Each Other

Name _____ Date _____

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

1. Who were the main characters in the story?
 - Ⓐ Amanda, Cameron, Amanda's mom
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2. How did you learn that Amanda does not like to shop?
 - Ⓐ her actions
 - Ⓑ her words
 - Ⓒ her actions and thoughts
 - Ⓓ her words and actions
3. Why did Amanda wonder if she could stay with Chris if he and her mom got a divorce?
 - Ⓐ She was mad at her mom.
 - Ⓑ Chris understood her better than her mom did.
 - Ⓒ Chris was more like her real dad.
 - Ⓓ She was thinking of running away from home.
4. Amanda said, "I hate shopping." Which of the following is most likely to be true?
 - Ⓐ She already has more clothes than she needs.
 - Ⓑ She thinks other things are more important than clothes.
 - Ⓒ She doesn't plan to go back to school.
 - Ⓓ She just wants to make her mother angry.
5. Why were Amanda's mother and Chris having problems?
 - Ⓐ She spends too much money shopping.
 - Ⓑ They don't communicate well.
 - Ⓒ They don't have any money.
 - Ⓓ She doesn't like sports.

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6. Amanda _____.
 - (A) wanted her mom and Chris to work out their problems
 - (B) wanted to go live with her dad
 - (C) wanted to go live with her grandmother
 - (D) wanted her mom to get back together with Chuck
7. Why was Amanda rude to Cameron?
 - (A) He wasn't fun to play with.
 - (B) She was upset about what her mom said about Chris.
 - (C) He kept messing up the fort.
 - (D) He was only her friend during the summer.
8. What did Chris and Amanda have in common?
 - (A) Neither of them talked very much.
 - (B) They were both mad at Amanda's mom.
 - (C) They both liked sports and shopping.
 - (D) Neither of them wanted to work on the fort.
9. Why do you think the author wrote this book?
 - (A) to encourage people to think about how to communicate with each other
 - (B) to let readers know about Amanda's summer
 - (C) to encourage readers to use their imagination and build forts
 - (D) to let readers know that a stepparent can be nice
10. What sentence is most likely to be true at the end of the book?
 - (A) Amanda and her mother never learned to communicate with each other.
 - (B) Amanda and her mother began to understand one another better.
 - (C) Amanda and her stepfather never became good friends.
 - (D) Amanda's mother never learned how to communicate with Amanda and Chris.

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11. Extended Response: What did Amanda figure out about her mom after talking with her stepfather Chris?

12. Extended Response: How do Mom and Amanda solve their communication problem?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Story Elements: Identify Characters

1. Ⓒ *Story Elements*
2. Ⓓ *Analyze Character*
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5. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
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8. Ⓐ *Compare and Contrast*
9. Ⓐ *Author's Purpose*
10. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
11. Answers should include the following: *Mom's talking was her way of trying to figure things out. When mom asked questions or was giving Amanda a talk, she was just trying to understand, and Amanda realized she didn't help things because she didn't tell Mom much.*
12. Answers could include the following: *After their argument over the fort and not being able to communicate with one another, Amanda and her Mom made a deal. Amanda would go with Mom for a salon day, and mom would buy plants to camouflage the fort and help put them in the dirt. Amanda told her mom she would try to tell her more.*