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

1. What was Morty's favorite Saturday cartoon?
  - Ⓐ Junior Mouse Cartoon Club
  - Ⓑ Miss Primp and Pretty
  - Ⓒ Monster Mash Club
  - Ⓓ Mega Mouse
2. What did the audience do when Morty's sister came on stage?
  - Ⓐ They all clapped and cheered.
  - Ⓑ Many mice put handkerchiefs over their noses.
  - Ⓒ The mice in the audience began to sing with her and her friends.
  - Ⓓ All of the above
3. Why did Morty get a lump in his throat?
  - Ⓐ He saw his sister crying.
  - Ⓑ He heard his sister try to sing.
  - Ⓒ His sister's group danced very well.
  - Ⓓ He had to stay through the whole show.
4. What was the main problem in this story?
  - Ⓐ Morty had drunk awfully bad-tasting vinegar.
  - Ⓑ Morty decided to get back at his sister.
  - Ⓒ Morty had created a big mess in the bathroom.
  - Ⓓ Morty's brothers had beat him to the television for morning cartoons.
5. Why did Morty's sister think she might let her friends down?
  - Ⓐ She had lost her music.
  - Ⓑ She didn't know where her costume was.
  - Ⓒ She was feeling sick and couldn't sing very well.
  - Ⓓ She smelled very bad, and her lips were stuck together.

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6. Morty said, “I pulled some **tomfoolery**.” What is **tomfoolery**?
  - Ⓐ cleverness
  - Ⓑ secret plan
  - Ⓒ naughtiness
  - Ⓓ fun and games
7. What did Morty do to make up to his sister?
  - Ⓐ wrote her a note of apology
  - Ⓑ bought her a bouquet of flowers
  - Ⓒ gave her new shampoo, perfume, and lipstick
  - Ⓓ all of the above
8. How was Morty feeling when the author wrote he felt **mortified**?
  - Ⓐ excited
  - Ⓑ ashamed
  - Ⓒ surprised
  - Ⓓ frightened
9. When Morty’s mom asked whether he knew why his sister smelled so badly, Morty \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ said he didn’t know
  - Ⓑ made up a story
  - Ⓒ didn’t answer
  - Ⓓ told the truth
10. Why was Morty so eager to brush his teeth at the beginning of the story?
  - Ⓐ He drank garlic and stinky cheese vinegar instead of juice.
  - Ⓑ He was getting ready to go to the dentist and didn’t want to be late.
  - Ⓒ His grandma was coming to visit and always checked his teeth.
  - Ⓓ He just wanted to irritate his sister by making her get out of the bathroom.

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**11. Extended Response:** Explain why toward the end of the story Morty decided to hope his sister and her friends would win first place?

**12. Extended Response:** What do you think Morty should learn from the events in this story?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## Morty and the Mouse Town Talent Show

Main Comprehension Skill: Cause and Effect

1. Ⓓ *Story Elements*
2. Ⓑ *Story Elements*
3. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
4. Ⓑ *Problem and Solution*
5. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
6. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
7. Ⓓ *Story Elements*
8. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
9. Ⓓ *Story Elements*
10. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
11. Answer should include the following:  
*if Morty's sister and her friends won the contest what Morty did to his sister—filling her shampoo bottle with garlic and stinky cheese vinegar, filling her perfume bottle with sugar water, putting a glue stick in her lipstick tube – wouldn't seem so bad; he noticed everyone was paying attention to the stink; very few clapped.*
12. Answers should include the following:  
*playing jokes on someone can be mean and hurtful; to do mean things to someone because you didn't get what you want is wrong, and so on.*