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

1. The state of being poor is called \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ funding
  - Ⓑ poverty
  - Ⓒ budget
  - Ⓓ community
2. Which of the following is an opinion?
  - Ⓐ Community gardens help feed hungry families.
  - Ⓑ In the United States, many children go hungry.
  - Ⓒ Everyone needs to be doing more to fight hunger.
  - Ⓓ The government offers a safety net to many hungry Americans.
3. What does the author want the reader to know about hunger in America?
  - Ⓐ The answer to ending the hunger problem in the United States is to create more community gardens.
  - Ⓑ The federal food programs can be difficult for people to access, and they must be changed in order to feed the hungry.
  - Ⓒ Hunger in America is becoming less of a problem, and we do not need to worry about it or take action.
  - Ⓓ There are people in your local community who do not get enough food, and there are ways you can help.

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4. When government funding is not enough to meet the needs of hungry Americans, \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ money is given to schools and communities to start gardens
  - Ⓑ grocery stores must give away free food
  - Ⓒ local food banks and programs offer food to hungry people
  - Ⓓ money from other government programs is taken to give to hungry people
5. How does the National School Lunch Program help children?
  - Ⓐ It provides kids with free or reduced-cost lunch.
  - Ⓑ It encourages kids to bring extra food in their lunch for other children.
  - Ⓒ It gives children and their parents money to buy food for lunches.
  - Ⓓ It gives families fresh fruits and vegetables to pack in lunches.
6. Which of the following expresses the author's desire to persuade and inspire people to help fight hunger?
  - Ⓐ We have what it takes to make sure children like Mario never go hungry again. We just need the will to make it happen.
  - Ⓑ Most people don't know about hunger in their own communities.
  - Ⓒ Millions of American children go hungry every day, and 4.8 million Americans live in "food insecure" homes.
  - Ⓓ When families don't have enough money, they often have to make tough choices.

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7. Why do food banks often provide only canned or boxed foods?
  - Ⓐ Those are the only kinds of food people like to eat.
  - Ⓑ Those are the only kinds of food the government gives them.
  - Ⓒ They don't have enough room for other foods.
  - Ⓓ Fresh foods are difficult to store.
8. When did federal food assistance programs begin?
  - Ⓐ 1933
  - Ⓑ 2013
  - Ⓒ 2008
  - Ⓓ 1964
9. What is the effect on children when they do not get enough food?
  - Ⓐ They get in trouble at school.
  - Ⓑ They have a harder time learning.
  - Ⓒ They must raise money for their meals.
  - Ⓓ They have to apply for help without their parents.
10. When foods are **nutritious**, they are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ bad for you
  - Ⓑ not very tasty
  - Ⓒ healthy
  - Ⓓ expensive
11. **Extended Response:** Why do you think the author emphasizes the importance of understanding the hunger problem in your local community?
12. **Extended Response:** Why did the author title one section of this book "Filling the Gap"?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

**Hungry Right Here?***Main Comprehension Skill: Author's Purpose*

1. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
2. Ⓒ *Fact or Opinion*
3. Ⓓ *Author's Purpose*
4. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
5. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
6. Ⓐ *Author's Purpose*
7. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓐ *Sequence Events*
9. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
10. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but should note that the author emphasizes the hunger epidemic at a local level to increase students' awareness of the problem and to encourage them to get involved. The author wants to be sure that readers know that they can make a difference in solving America's hunger epidemic.
12. Answers will vary, but students should note that the idea of "filling the gap" refers to the lack of government funds to help hungry people and the different food programs that are available to help people, such as food banks, nonprofits, and community gardens.