

Quick Check

The Super School Bus System

Name _____ Date _____

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

1. School buses are often paid for _____.
 - Ⓐ with local taxes
 - Ⓑ by the schools
 - Ⓒ by the teachers at the schools
 - Ⓓ with money raised by fundraisers
2. **Mass transit** is _____.
 - Ⓐ an area containing a large number of schools
 - Ⓑ a law that states that students cannot be separated by race
 - Ⓒ a public transportation system that moves large numbers of people
 - Ⓓ when too many cars and buses are on the road and cause traffic jams
3. Why are school buses painted yellow?
 - Ⓐ Schools want them to look different from other kinds of buses.
 - Ⓑ Yellow buses are easier to spot.
 - Ⓒ Yellow was the cheapest color of paint.
 - Ⓓ Students voted to paint them yellow.
4. What does the author most want the reader to know about school bus safety?
 - Ⓐ Buses will become safer over time.
 - Ⓑ In most states, seat belts are not required on school buses.
 - Ⓒ School buses have many built-in safety features.
 - Ⓓ The school bus system is the safest transportation for students.

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5. Which of the following events happened in 1954?

- Ⓐ The Supreme Court ruled that school segregation must end.
- Ⓑ Modern-day school buses were used to get students to school.
- Ⓒ Buses had to pass strict safety tests.
- Ⓓ Buses were required to have seatbelts.

6. _____ areas often have no public transport options at all outside of the school bus system.

- Ⓐ City
- Ⓑ Rural
- Ⓒ Crowded
- Ⓓ Complex

7. **School consolidation** means _____.

- Ⓐ all students get to go to school on a school bus
- Ⓑ money is given to schools to pay for buses
- Ⓒ several smaller schools become one large school
- Ⓓ lots of people work to keep the school bus system going

8. Which of the following is an opinion?

- Ⓐ In time, horse-drawn wagons gave way to motor vehicles.
- Ⓑ The first vehicles that carried students didn't look like modern buses.
- Ⓒ Every student should ride a school bus to and from school.
- Ⓓ Students who might be placed in danger by walking to school are offered bus service.

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9. In the 1970s and 1980s, schools worked together to _____.

- Ⓐ bus black students to white schools and white students to black schools
- Ⓑ make sure there were enough buses to get all students to school
- Ⓒ pass a law that that made school buses safer
- Ⓓ find a way to pay for the school bus system so it could get bigger

10. What is the purpose of the section "Yellow Buses Go Green"?

- Ⓐ to persuade readers to stop using cars to get to school and take only buses
- Ⓑ to persuade readers to ride only school buses that are electric-powered
- Ⓒ to inform readers about people who want school buses to be painted green
- Ⓓ to inform readers about how school buses can help to make the air cleaner

11. **Extended Response:** Why is the American school bus system so important?

12. **Extended Response:** In what ways are school buses safer than cars?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Author's Purpose

1. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
3. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
4. Ⓓ *Author's Purpose*
5. Ⓐ *Sequence Events*
6. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
7. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓒ *Fact or Opinion*
9. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
10. Ⓓ *Author's Purpose*
11. Answers will vary, but students should note that the school bus system is extremely important because it helps millions of students safely get to school each day and receive an education.
12. Answers will vary, but students should note that school buses are considered safer than private cars for several reasons including the following: *school districts require bus drivers to undergo strict safety training; the school buses have a number of built-in safety features, such as emergency exits and reinforced roof structure; and so on.*