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

1. Samantha is going to her grandmother's instead of summer camp \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ to learn composting
  - Ⓑ because her family can't afford camp this summer
  - Ⓒ because she is afraid of horseback riding
  - Ⓓ so her parents can have a little peace and quiet
2. What is Samantha's attitude toward recycling at the beginning of the story?
  - Ⓐ Samantha doesn't know what recycling is.
  - Ⓑ Samantha wants to recycle everything.
  - Ⓒ Samantha thinks recycling is annoying.
  - Ⓓ Samantha has no real opinion about recycling.
3. **Compost** is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ a mixture of decaying organic material used to enrich soil
  - Ⓑ used by farmers to kill insects
  - Ⓒ a method of harvesting vegetables and fruits
  - Ⓓ none of the above
4. How does driving a **hybrid car** save energy?
  - Ⓐ Hybrid cars are the smallest cars.
  - Ⓑ The electric motor in hybrid cars helps save gasoline.
  - Ⓒ Hybrid cars cost less to buy.
  - Ⓓ No gasoline is used in a hybrid car.
5. There are no mangoes for Samantha's breakfast at Nannie's because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ the store is out of mangoes
  - Ⓑ Nannie doesn't realize Samantha likes mangoes
  - Ⓒ Nannie thinks buying fruits from faraway places wastes energy
  - Ⓓ Nannie doesn't like mangoes

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| <p>6. What is the benefit of buying local foods?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ Local foods cost less than other foods.</li> <li>Ⓑ Local growers are friendly.</li> <li>Ⓒ Local foods are fresher than other foods.</li> <li>Ⓓ Local foods have no bugs in them.</li> </ul> <p>7. How does compost affect the soil?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ Compost keeps salt out of the soil.</li> <li>Ⓑ Compost makes the soil richer.</li> <li>Ⓒ Compost helps the soil absorb nutrients.</li> <li>Ⓓ Both B and C</li> </ul> <p>8. What does Samantha discover about Nannie?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ Nannie likes to help people.</li> <li>Ⓑ Nannie isn't very friendly.</li> <li>Ⓒ Nannie doesn't like to grow vegetables.</li> <li>Ⓓ Nannie worries about money.</li> </ul> | <p>9. What event shows Nannie's kind heart?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ Nannie grows lots of vegetables.</li> <li>Ⓑ Nannie is very good at training others to make compost bins.</li> <li>Ⓒ Nannie saves money to pay for gardening supplies.</li> <li>Ⓓ Nannie helps other people by allowing everyone to pay what they want for her vegetables.</li> </ul> <p>10. What changes Samantha's attitude about being green?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ Nannie helps her see that "being green" is about working with the earth and helping other people.</li> <li>Ⓑ Samantha sees all the money they make at the produce stand.</li> <li>Ⓒ Samantha sees how hard Nannie works and feels guilty.</li> <li>Ⓓ None of the above</li> </ul> |
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**11. Extended Response:** How green is your household compared to Nannie's? What more could you do to "be green"?

**12. Extended Response:** Do you think Samantha will teach other people how to compost when she returns home? Why or why not?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## Growing Up Green

Main Comprehension Skill: Cause and Effect

1. Ⓑ Cause and Effect
2. Ⓒ Story Elements
3. Ⓐ Vocabulary
4. Ⓑ Vocabulary
5. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
6. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
7. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
8. Ⓐ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
9. Ⓓ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
10. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
11. Answers will vary but should compare and contrast the student's home and Nannie's home.
12. Answers will vary but should include valid supporting arguments. Example: *I think Samantha will teach other people how to compost because it's a good way for her to make money while helping people.*