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

1. What is the tradition in Benton City on the first Saturday after the dam closes?
 - Ⓐ to bring Halloween candy
 - Ⓑ to sweep out the ditch
 - Ⓒ to oil skateboard wheels
 - Ⓓ to wear in-line skates
2. Why did Jessie and Sam act disgusted toward Jordie when they met him at the bottom of the ditch?
 - Ⓐ He acted like he was such a great skater.
 - Ⓑ He tried to get them all in trouble.
 - Ⓒ He didn't want to help them out.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
3. The concrete ditch that twists down from the lake is called _____.
 - Ⓐ the Ditch
 - Ⓑ the Rail
 - Ⓒ the Snake
 - Ⓓ the Wheel
4. Why would Jordie be afraid to meet the other kids at the top of the ditch?
 - Ⓐ His mother probably won't let him go.
 - Ⓑ The other kids probably won't show up.
 - Ⓒ He's not really as good as he wants the kids to think.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
5. Why did Jordie tell Cliff that his sister, Sandra, wanted to see him?
 - Ⓐ so she could go to the movies with him
 - Ⓑ to take Jordie and Sandra to the movie with him
 - Ⓒ to get Cliff away from Isaac and the other kids
 - Ⓓ so Cliff would ride down the Snake with Sandra
6. What does the word **suspiciously** mean?
 - Ⓐ speedily
 - Ⓑ eagerly
 - Ⓒ with anger
 - Ⓓ with distrust

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7. Who wheeled the Snake without getting bitten?
 - Ⓐ Isaac
 - Ⓑ Jessie
 - Ⓒ Sam
 - Ⓓ All of the above
8. Why doesn't Sam want Jordie to be part of their group at first?
 - Ⓐ Jordie is a bully.
 - Ⓑ Jordie is a rollerblader.
 - Ⓒ Jordie is Jessie's boyfriend.
 - Ⓓ Jordie is not skilled enough.
9. Read this sentence: *The kids saw an **ominous** shadow.* What does **ominous** mean?
 - Ⓐ friendly
 - Ⓑ threatening
 - Ⓒ quick moving
 - Ⓓ dark and stormy
10. Why did Sam's temper cool off quickly when he saw it was Cliff who had pushed him down?
 - Ⓐ Cliff did it by accident.
 - Ⓑ Cliff was just joking around.
 - Ⓒ Cliff was too big and mean to fight.
 - Ⓓ Cliff really just wanted to ride down with them.
11. **Extended Response:** Do you think Sam, Isaac, and Jessie will include Jordie in future adventures? Why?
12. **Extended Response:** How would the story have been different if Jordie had not been with them?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Wheeling the Snake

Main Comprehension Skill: Story Elements

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11. Answers should include the following:
Jordie was able to say something to Cliff, the bully, to get him to leave the top of the Snake so that Jordie and the other friends could continue practicing or start to go down the concrete ditch; he was willing to go down the Snake even on roller blades.
12. Answers should include the following:
The other friends might not have taken the challenge to go down the Snake; even though it was steep, Jordie took a deep breath and said okay, let's do it; Jordie being part of the group also let Cliff know Sandra, Jordie's sister, might be at the bottom and Cliff liked her and wanted to see her.