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

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| <p>1. What is the main idea of the book?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ The dragonfly has amazing eyesight. Ⓑ The dragonfly is an amazing hunter. Ⓒ The dragonfly has amazing flight skills. Ⓓ The dragonfly is an amazing insect. <p>2. What enables young dragonflies to breathe underwater?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ They have lungs that breathe water. Ⓑ They convert the water to oxygen. Ⓒ They have gills inside their bodies. Ⓓ They steal oxygen from other animals. | <p>3. Which of the following events happens last in the dragonfly's life cycle?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ An adult dragonfly lays its eggs in water or on plants near water. Ⓑ An adult dragonfly comes out of the last shed layer. Ⓒ A dragonfly nymph sheds its entire outer layer each time it grows. Ⓓ A nymph hatches from a dragonfly egg and lives in the water. <p>4. Which of the following facts supports the opinion that dragonflies are amazing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ Japan is the owner of the world's first dragonfly park. Ⓑ Adult dragonflies are among the world's fastest flying insects. Ⓒ Nymphs look different from adult dragonflies. Ⓓ When a damselfly isn't flying, it folds its wings together. |
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5. How is a dragonfly different from most other insects?
 - Ⓐ It can control each wing independently.
 - Ⓑ It has two pairs of wings.
 - Ⓒ It has six legs.
 - Ⓓ It comes in a variety of colors.
6. Under which section title would you expect to find the detail that birds and lizards eat dragonflies?
 - Ⓐ "Dragonflies for Dinner"
 - Ⓑ "Super Sight"
 - Ⓒ "Swarms"
 - Ⓓ "Dragonflies Worldwide"
7. In what way is the dragonfly a better hunter than the lion?
 - Ⓐ The dragonfly brings down bigger prey.
 - Ⓑ The dragonfly is more intimidating.
 - Ⓒ The dragonfly is better at stalking.
 - Ⓓ The dragonfly catches its prey more often.
8. In the section "Super Sight," the author includes details about a dragonfly's eyes to _____.
 - Ⓐ contrast the dragonfly with a damselfly
 - Ⓑ support the main idea of the section that dragonflies have amazing eyesight
 - Ⓒ support the main idea of the entire book that dragonflies have amazing eyesight
 - Ⓓ explain why dragonflies travel in swarms
9. Dragonflies live in almost every kind of _____, or natural environment.
 - Ⓐ insect
 - Ⓑ life cycle
 - Ⓒ habitat
 - Ⓓ pair

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- 10.** Why did the author write this book?
- Ⓐ to persuade readers to eat dragonflies
 - Ⓑ to entertain readers with a scary dragonfly story
 - Ⓒ to persuade readers to buy dragonflies
 - Ⓓ to inform readers about the dragonfly insect

11. Extended Response: How would this book be different if the author's purpose were to persuade readers? Describe what the author would want to persuade readers to do, identify three details from the book that would remain, and describe at least two new details that would need to be added to help persuade.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Dragonflies!

Main Comprehension Skill: Author's Purpose

1. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
2. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
3. Ⓐ Sequence Events
4. Ⓑ Fact or Opinion
5. Ⓐ Compare and Contrast
6. Ⓐ Main Idea and Details
7. Ⓓ Compare and Contrast
8. Ⓑ Main Idea and Details
9. Ⓒ Vocabulary
10. Ⓓ Author's Purpose
11. Answers will describe how the book would be altered if the author's purpose had been to persuade, including three details that remain from the book and two new persuasive details. For example, the answer could describe a new purpose of persuading readers to create a dragonfly park. This would be followed by three details from the book: *Japan created the world's first dragonfly park in 1985, dragonflies need to live near water, parks have sprung up in the United States and Europe, and so on.* The answer would then describe two new persuasive details: *we need dragonfly parks to keep these insects safe, making a park makes the world a better place, parks add beauty to the world, and so on.*