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

1. Which of the following words is a synonym for **disheveled**?
 - Ⓐ confused
 - Ⓑ messy
 - Ⓒ frightening
 - Ⓓ powerful
2. From the story, readers might conclude that _____.
 - Ⓐ it is perfectly clear that the monkey's paw holds no power and it is silly to believe so
 - Ⓑ Damien's dog dying is Kara's fault because she kept the monkey's paw
 - Ⓒ by the end of the story, Kara, Miguel, and Damien all believe in the power of the monkey's paw
 - Ⓓ Shelly was overreacting and making too big a deal about the monkey's paw
3. What was the effect of Kara deciding to not torch the monkey's paw?
 - Ⓐ Damien and Kara argue about who will keep it.
 - Ⓑ Shelly becomes upset and runs away.
 - Ⓒ Damien, Kara, and Miguel take turns making wishes.
 - Ⓓ Miguel and Damien agree that they will burn it later.
4. Why does Kara keep the monkey's paw?
 - Ⓐ She thinks it is unusual and special.
 - Ⓑ She believes it has magical powers and wants them for herself.
 - Ⓒ She wants to return it to Shelly.
 - Ⓓ She thinks it is valuable and wants to sell it.

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5. What happens *last* in the story?

- Ⓐ Damien's parents leave him alone while they go to a party.
- Ⓑ Damien's dog is hit by a truck and dies.
- Ⓒ Shelly warns her friends about the monkey's paw.
- Ⓓ There are loud and frightening noises outside of Damien's house.

6. What conclusion can the reader draw about Kara at the end of the story?

- Ⓐ She continues to be skeptical of the monkey paw's power.
- Ⓑ She believes in the power of the monkey's paw.
- Ⓒ She thinks that Damien and Miguel are overreacting.
- Ⓓ She wishes that Shelly were there to help them.

7. When something is **sodden**, it is _____.

- Ⓐ very old
- Ⓑ unusual or unique
- Ⓒ believed to have magic powers
- Ⓓ soaking wet and heavy

8. Where would this story most likely be found?

- Ⓐ in a collection of mystery stories
- Ⓑ in a collection of science fiction stories
- Ⓒ in a collection of fables
- Ⓓ in a collection of fairytales

9. When something is *unable to move because of shock, fear or wonder* it is _____.

- Ⓐ unadulterated
- Ⓑ imperceptible
- Ⓒ desiccated
- Ⓓ transfixed

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10. Why does Damien use the monkey's paw a second time?

- Ⓐ He wants to undo Miguel's wish.
- Ⓑ He wants to bring Bruiser back to life.
- Ⓒ He wants to stop the scary noise coming from outside.
- Ⓓ He wants to wish away the monkey's paw.

11. Extended Response: How does Kara's character change throughout the story? What causes this change?

12. Extended Response: Why do you think the author ends the story with Damien opening the door during the storm?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

The Monkey's Paw

Main Comprehension Skill: Sequence Events

1. Ⓑ Vocabulary
2. Ⓒ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
3. Ⓑ Cause and Effect
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9. Ⓓ Vocabulary
10. Ⓑ Main Idea and Details
11. Answers will vary, but students should explain the following: *Kara is initially skeptical of the power of the monkey's paw. When Damien expresses that he feels like the monkey's paw is the cause for his dog's death, Kara thinks it is an illogical conclusion to make. After Damien makes a wish for his dog to return, however, and the characters hear strange noises outside, Kara picks up the monkey's paw to make a wish, illustrating that by the end of the story she believes in its power.*
12. Students' answers will vary, but students should note that the author leaves the ending of the book a mystery to add interest and to allow the readers to draw their own conclusions on the basis of the information in the story. Answers could also include that by not answering all of the reader's questions, the author reinforced the element of mystery in the story.