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

1. What is the main idea of this book?
 - Ⓐ The way owls look and act may seem mysterious.
 - Ⓑ Owls live on every continent except Antarctica.
 - Ⓒ The way owls look and act helps them survive.
 - Ⓓ Try going out at dawn or dusk to spot an owl.
2. Which word is a synonym for *odd, strange, and hard to understand*?
 - Ⓐ obvious
 - Ⓑ commonplace
 - Ⓒ familiar
 - Ⓓ mysterious
3. What is a fact about the spotted owl?
 - Ⓐ Spotted owls are prettier than any other owl.
 - Ⓑ Spotted owls can only survive in old-growth forests.
 - Ⓒ Spotted owls are more interesting than horned owls.
 - Ⓓ Spotted owls are the best at raising their young.
4. The main idea of the section titled "Even Better Ears" is that owls' ears help them hunt. Which of the following details supports that main idea?
 - Ⓐ Owls' pupils grow at night to let in more light.
 - Ⓑ Owls' huge ears help them to hear very well.
 - Ⓒ Owls' feathers cover their bodies so they can fly silently.
 - Ⓓ Owls' habitats can be a forest, prairie, or field.
5. How is a barn owl similar to a great gray owl?
 - Ⓐ They both have an excellent sense of hearing.
 - Ⓑ They both have a hard time seeing in the dark.
 - Ⓒ They both have a poor sense of hearing.
 - Ⓓ They both mostly hunt during the daytime.

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6. Why don't people often see owls?
 - Ⓐ Owls are disappearing, and there are few left to see.
 - Ⓑ Owls usually come out at night, and they move quietly.
 - Ⓒ Owls only live in Antarctica, where few people live.
 - Ⓓ Owls are so tiny that it's hard for people to see them.
7. What is a **habitat**?
 - Ⓐ a change in an animal that allows it to survive
 - Ⓑ an animal that is hunted and eaten by a predator
 - Ⓒ a natural environment of a plant or animal
 - Ⓓ a group of living things that are physically similar
8. What is the effect of the owl's pupils growing larger to let in more light?
 - Ⓐ Owls use their eyes to help them survive.
 - Ⓑ Owls can turn their heads all around.
 - Ⓒ Owls' eyes can't move.
 - Ⓓ Owls can see better in the dark.
9. What is the main idea of the section titled "Silent Hunters"?
 - Ⓐ Owls' eyes help them see in the dark so they hunt at night.
 - Ⓑ Owls are called *silent hunters* because they make noise when they attack.
 - Ⓒ Owls live in different habitats that are best suited to their needs.
 - Ⓓ Owls' feathers help them hunt silently so they can attack by surprise.

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10. How is a burrowing owl different from most other owls?

- Ⓐ Burrowing owls make their nests underground.
- Ⓑ Burrowing owls can see well in the darkness.
- Ⓒ Burrowing owls live in forests, caves, and barns.
- Ⓓ Burrowing owls use their hearing to hunt prey.

11. **Extended Response:** How would you describe what makes owls special to another student who has never read this book? Write a paragraph that uses at least three facts you learned from the book.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Owls Overhead

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
3. Ⓑ *Fact or Opinion*
4. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
5. Ⓐ *Compare and Contrast*
6. Ⓑ *Make Inference / Draw Conclusions*
7. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
8. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
9. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
10. Ⓐ *Compare and Contrast*
11. Answers will vary, but should be a paragraph that adequately describes some of owls' adaptations and includes at least three specific facts from the book.