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

1. What does the logger find in the woods?
 - Ⓐ three pine trees
 - Ⓑ a Douglas fir tree
 - Ⓒ two blue spruce trees
 - Ⓓ a pile of pinecones
2. What does **distracted** mean?
 - Ⓐ running away quickly
 - Ⓑ being very annoyed
 - Ⓒ not paying full attention
 - Ⓓ making a quick decision
3. Why does the logger start to cut down the baby pine?
 - Ⓐ because it is pretty
 - Ⓑ because it is too sick
 - Ⓒ because it is too tall
 - Ⓓ because it is in his way
4. What is the big problem that Poppa Pine thinks they might have?
 - Ⓐ They might become presto logs.
 - Ⓑ They might have root weevils.
 - Ⓒ They might become end tables.
 - Ⓓ They might catch on fire.
5. Why do the trees “freeze in place” when the logger returns?
 - Ⓐ They became very cold and icy.
 - Ⓑ They don’t want him to see them.
 - Ⓒ They want him to cut them down.
 - Ⓓ They want to be Christmas trees.

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6. What was the author's main purpose for writing this story?
 - Ⓐ to inform
 - Ⓑ to entertain
 - Ⓒ to persuade
 - Ⓓ to teach
7. What does **frustrated** mean?
 - Ⓐ to be happy to get the job done
 - Ⓑ to feel like you can't do something
 - Ⓒ to be angry because someone stole something
 - Ⓓ to feel surprise that someone arrived
8. What does Baby Pine want Momma Pine to teach him?
 - Ⓐ how to bow down during a windstorm
 - Ⓑ how to make the wind sing through his branches
 - Ⓒ how to get rid of weevils under his bark
 - Ⓓ all of the above
9. How did the author write this story that makes it different from many other stories?
 - Ⓐ It is written as a poem.
 - Ⓑ It is written as a play.
 - Ⓒ It is written as a biography.
 - Ⓓ It is written without characters.
10. Based on information in the story, what do you think the logger will do next?
 - Ⓐ cut down the two older pines for Christmas trees
 - Ⓑ make the Momma and Poppa into presto logs
 - Ⓒ walk away from the trees and let them grow
 - Ⓓ cut down all three trees for Christmas trees
11. **Extended Response:** Write three ideas about why you think the older trees would want to become Christmas trees.
12. **Extended Response:** Explain what the logger tells Momma and Poppa Pine about what will happen to Baby Pine after he cuts them down.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

The Castaway Pines

Main Comprehension Skill: Author's Purpose

1. Ⓐ *Story Elements*
2. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
3. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
4. Ⓐ *Problem and Solution*
5. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
6. Ⓑ *Author's Purpose*
7. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
8. Ⓑ *Analyze Character*
9. Ⓑ *Author's Purpose*
10. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
12. Responses will vary. Example:
The trees would like to be Christmas trees because they would be in a warm house with people singing, and have lights, tinsel, and garland on them and packages under them; they would like to be the center of attention during the holiday.
12. Answers will vary but should include the following: *The little Pine would be cared for, fed, and watered. It will sleep during the winter, and the logger will be with it in the spring. Its pinecones will grow a new forest.*