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

1. Who is telling the story?
 - Ⓐ Hansel
 - Ⓑ Gretel
 - Ⓒ the old woman
 - Ⓓ a narrator
2. Why does the old woman order Gretel to fill the pot with water and fetch wood for a hot fire?
 - Ⓐ The old woman wants to make more food for Hansel to eat.
 - Ⓑ The old woman wants to cook Hansel.
 - Ⓒ The old woman wants Gretel to make her some soup.
 - Ⓓ The old woman wants to take a bath.
3. Why is the old woman nice to the children in the beginning of the story?
 - Ⓐ She is trying to trick them.
 - Ⓑ She feels sorry that they are so hungry.
 - Ⓒ She wants to share a meal with them.
 - Ⓓ She wants them to clean her house.
4. Why does Hansel and Gretel's father send them away?
 - Ⓐ He does not have enough food to feed Hansel and Gretel.
 - Ⓑ He wants them to go to the village to visit an old woman.
 - Ⓒ He wants them to go find treasure so they can buy food.
 - Ⓓ He wants them to go hunting for food in the woods.
5. Which of the following events happens last?
 - Ⓐ The breadcrumbs are eaten by the birds.
 - Ⓑ Gretel boils water on the stove for the old woman.
 - Ⓒ The old woman is locked in the cage.
 - Ⓓ Gretel finds a chicken bone and gives it to Hansel.

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6. Based on the events in this story, what is another word for **wicked**?

- Ⓐ kind
- Ⓑ mean
- Ⓒ shy
- Ⓓ fearful

7. Which of the following words best describe the old woman?

- Ⓐ kind and wise
- Ⓑ small and hurt
- Ⓒ mean and clever
- Ⓓ ill and selfish

8. When Hansel grabs the old woman's treasure, readers can tell that _____.

- Ⓐ Hansel is so greedy that all he can think about is the treasure rather than helping his sister escape
- Ⓑ even when he is scared, Hansel is thinking about the future and the well-being of his family
- Ⓒ Hansel dislikes the old woman so much that he wants to take what is most valuable to her
- Ⓓ Hansel wants to use the treasure so that he and Gretel never have to return home again

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9. Why is the old woman's house made of candy?
 - Ⓐ to attract people to the house
 - Ⓑ to help the old woman to never be hungry
 - Ⓒ to hide treasure from the village
 - Ⓓ to distract people so they get lost in the woods
10. When the old woman **seizes** Hansel's arm, she _____.
 - Ⓐ pinches it
 - Ⓑ grabs it
 - Ⓒ pats it
 - Ⓓ measures it
11. **Extended Response:** Why does Gretel give Hansel the chicken bone?
12. **Extended Response:** How do the birds eating the breadcrumbs affect the plot of the story?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Hansel and Gretel

Main Comprehension Skill: Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions

1. Ⓓ Character Point of View
2. Ⓑ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
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4. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
5. Ⓒ Sequence Events
6. Ⓑ Vocabulary
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11. Students' responses should include the following: *Gretel gives Hansel the chicken bone so that he can use it to trick the old woman into thinking that the bone is his arm and that he is not putting on any weight. Gretel hopes that if the old woman thinks Hansel is not gaining weight, then she will not cook him.*
12. Students' responses will vary but should include the following ideas: *If the breadcrumbs had not been eaten, Hansel and Gretel may have been able to find their way home and would not have encountered the old woman. Perhaps if the children had returned home right away, their stepmother would have found another way to be rid of them.*