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

1. What would likely be the name for John, the son of David?
  - Ⓐ John Carpenter
  - Ⓑ David Johnson
  - Ⓒ John Davidson
  - Ⓓ David Smith
2. Why did people add a family name to given names?
  - Ⓐ Too many people had the same given name.
  - Ⓑ There were too few given names to choose from.
  - Ⓒ Rulers wanted to make sure everyone paid taxes.
  - Ⓓ All of the above
3. What does the word **cunning** mean?
  - Ⓐ small
  - Ⓑ quick
  - Ⓒ clever
  - Ⓓ hidden
4. Which of the following is a name based on a place?
  - Ⓐ Potter
  - Ⓑ Barnes
  - Ⓒ Fitzgerald
  - Ⓓ Robinson
5. Why would someone have a nickname?
  - Ⓐ It's easier to say than their given name.
  - Ⓑ It tells something about that person.
  - Ⓒ It's a fun, playful name.
  - Ⓓ All of the above
6. What is meant by the word **ancestor**?
  - Ⓐ a person in a family born many years before another
  - Ⓑ a person who has the same given name as another
  - Ⓒ a person who came from the same place as another
  - Ⓓ a person who died long before another person

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7. If you met someone named Mary Freeman, what would likely be true of her ancestors?
  - Ⓐ They were from England.
  - Ⓑ They lived in the woods.
  - Ⓒ They were proud to be free.
  - Ⓓ All of the above
8. What is similar about the following names: McGregor, Hernandez, and Jacobson?
  - Ⓐ They all mean "son of".
  - Ⓑ They are all from England.
  - Ⓒ They all had the same job.
  - Ⓓ They all lived near each other.
9. Where does the name Tyler Gates likely come from?
  - Ⓐ A person who lived by the woods.
  - Ⓑ A person who put tiles on roofs.
  - Ⓒ A person who lived by the town gates.
  - Ⓓ A person who was the son of Tom.
10. If your family name is an animal's name, what does it mean?
  - Ⓐ Your ancestor probably looked like that animal.
  - Ⓑ Your ancestor probably acted like that animal.
  - Ⓒ Your ancestor's name was changed when he or she moved.
  - Ⓓ All of the above
11. **Extended Response:** Why did family names change when people came to America from other countries?
12. **Extended Response:** What makes the title *What's in a Name* a good title for this book? Give details from the text that supports your answer.

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## What's in a Name?

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
2. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
3. Ⓒ Vocabulary
4. Ⓑ Main Idea and Details
5. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
6. Ⓐ Vocabulary
7. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
8. Ⓐ Compare and Contrast
9. Ⓒ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
10. Ⓑ Main Idea and Details
11. Answers will vary somewhat but should include the following:  
*their names were difficult to pronounce or spell; sometimes the officials couldn't understand what their names were; and sometimes because their new names would be easier to remember.*
12. Answers will vary. Sample: *This is a good title for the book because there is information about how people get their names, how family names were developed, and why given names were selected.*