

## Quick Check

## Dawn of the Doughnut

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

1. What is the main idea of the book?
  - Ⓐ The doughnut has become a staple of breakfast and snack foods all around the world.
  - Ⓑ Doughnuts are highly profitable since the basic doughnut is made with inexpensive ingredients.
  - Ⓒ It's safe to assume that Americans will be eating doughnuts far into the future.
  - Ⓓ Pastries are often eaten during religious holidays, festivals, and carnivals in Europe, Asia, and Africa.
2. How did the author organize the information in the book?
  - Ⓐ compare and contrast
  - Ⓑ order of importance
  - Ⓒ chronological order
  - Ⓓ problem and solution
3. What was the effect of Levitt's Wonderful Almost Human Automatic Doughnut Machine?
  - Ⓐ It frightened the public away from eating doughnuts.
  - Ⓑ It helped Levitt serve doughnuts to soldiers during the war.
  - Ⓒ It slowed down the doughnut-making process.
  - Ⓓ It increased the public's fascination with love of doughnuts.
4. Why did the soldiers returning to America represent a business opportunity for Adolph Levitt?
  - Ⓐ He knew he could hire them to work in his chain, Mayflower Doughnuts.
  - Ⓑ The soldiers had to work with Levitt to help him build his first doughnut shop.
  - Ⓒ He needed their expertise in creating his new doughnut machine.
  - Ⓓ The soldiers wanted doughnuts, and Levitt could start a specialty shop to serve them.

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5. Which of the following prefix *in-* words means *not costing much money*?
  - Ⓐ inactive
  - Ⓑ inexpensive
  - Ⓒ inhuman
  - Ⓓ incapable
6. Why did the author write this book?
  - Ⓐ to entertain readers with a doughnut adventure story
  - Ⓑ to persuade readers to eat doughnuts
  - Ⓒ to inform readers about the history of the doughnut
  - Ⓓ to persuade readers not to eat doughnuts
7. What caused the popularity of the doughnut to decline in recent years?
  - Ⓐ Doughnuts were highly profitable since they were made with inexpensive ingredients.
  - Ⓑ During World War II soldiers started eating waffles instead of doughnuts, starting a new trend.
  - Ⓒ Doughnuts were not considered healthy because of their large amounts of fat and sugar.
  - Ⓓ Creating doughnuts became too expensive, so fewer businesses were selling them.

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8. Which of the following events happened before the Doughnut Girls introduced doughnuts to the soldiers?
  - Ⓐ The United States entered World War I in 1917.
  - Ⓑ World War II ended in 1945, and doughnuts were very popular.
  - Ⓒ World War I ended in 1918, and the soldiers returned home.
  - Ⓓ The United States entered World War II in 1941.
9. Read the following sentence:  
*The original doughnut was mainly based on a **recipe** from the Netherlands.* What is the meaning of the word **recipe** in the sentence?
  - Ⓐ a common food that is an important part of a diet
  - Ⓑ a set of instructions for building a specific kind of house
  - Ⓒ a person who comes to live in a new country
  - Ⓓ a set of instructions for making a specific kind of food
10. Which of the following details is an opinion found in the book?
  - Ⓐ Soldiers called the women Doughnut Dollies.
  - Ⓑ No doubt the humble doughnut is here to stay.
  - Ⓒ The history of the modern doughnut begins in Maine.
  - Ⓓ Bakers use doughnut machines to create more doughnuts faster.
11. **Extended Response:** What are some theories on the cause of a doughnut's hole as described in the book? Describe your own theory of how a doughnut could have developed a hole in its center.
12. **Extended Response:** Explain how the modern doughnut compares and contrasts with the original doughnut from the Netherlands. How do you think the doughnut will change in the future?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Cause and Effect

1. Ⓐ Main Idea and Details
2. Ⓒ Text Structure
3. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
4. Ⓓ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
5. Ⓑ Vocabulary
6. Ⓒ Author's Purpose
7. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
8. Ⓐ Sequence Events
9. Ⓓ Vocabulary
10. Ⓑ Fact or Opinion
11. Answers will vary. Example: *The book offers a couple of possible causes for the doughnut hole. One possibility is that Captain Gregory jammed his donut on the spoke of his steering wheel to free his hands, thus creating a hole in the middle. Another theory is that Captain Gregory didn't like the center of a doughnut because it was always undercooked. He asked that the center of his doughnuts be removed before cooking, resulting in a doughnut with a hole in the middle. Perhaps Captain Gregory invented the hole in the center of a doughnut because he enjoyed poking his finger through the gooey center. That is my own theory about how the doughnut developed a hole in its center.*
12. Answers will vary. Example: *The modern doughnut is ring-shaped, fluffy, and sweet. The original doughnut was small and round like a nut. It was not ring-shaped and did not have a hole in its center, and was made from a denser dough. The original doughnut was sweet and also a pastry. However, the original doughnut was simple, with just nuts for extra taste. The modern doughnut has a variety of extras, such as frosting and fillings and candy toppings, to add flavor to the pastry. In the future, the doughnut might revert to a simpler form, closer to the original doughnut. To be healthier, people might want less frosting and fewer toppings. Also, the ingredients in doughnuts may change. Bakers could start using substitutes for sugar and flour to make healthier doughnuts. One thing that won't change is the good taste. Doughnuts will continue to be a sweet treat.*