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

1. Why does James not have to go to detention after all?
 - (A) He has already served his detention.
 - (B) Eva says that she'll go for him.
 - (C) Eva proves that he didn't steal Larry's hat.
 - (D) Mr. Dawson doesn't believe in giving students detention.
2. What does **testify** mean?
 - (A) to take a test without difficulty
 - (B) to defy nature
 - (C) to decide against somebody in a court of law
 - (D) to answer questions while under oath in a court of law
3. What is the main problem in this story?
 - (A) Eva must prove James's innocence.
 - (B) Mr. Dawson's class must complete a mock trial.
 - (C) Principal Jeffries is acting as the judge in the case.
 - (D) James ruined Jasmine's dress.
4. Which of the following best shows that this case is important to Eva and that she is taking her role seriously?
 - (A) Eva was nervous because this time it was for real.
 - (B) When James asked her why she was so happy, she said, "It's a secret."
 - (C) "Thank you, Mr. Billings," Eva said. She couldn't help smiling.
 - (D) It was Eva's turn to make her closing statement.
5. What is the setting of this story?
 - (A) a baseball game
 - (B) an elementary school
 - (C) a library
 - (D) Eva's home
6. Which of the following statements is an opinion?
 - (A) The bailiff first calls the case.
 - (B) A prosecutor cannot ask a testifying witness for an opinion.
 - (C) It's difficult to be a fair judge.
 - (D) The defense gives its closing statement last.

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7. Which sentence helps readers infer that Jasmine is in trouble for hiding the hat in James's backpack?
 - Ⓐ "Well, that's about enough excitement for this morning."
 - Ⓑ "I think we'd better take a trip down to my office, Jasmine."
 - Ⓒ "He—he ruined my dress!"
 - Ⓓ "Let's get this room in order before the lunch bell rings."
8. Read the following sentences: *You're not allowed to talk out of turn as a witness. You can only answer the questions truthfully.* Do these sentences inform, persuade, or entertain readers about trials?
 - Ⓐ inform
 - Ⓑ persuade
 - Ⓒ entertain
 - Ⓓ all of the above
9. Which of the following likely causes Mr. Dawson to think that Jasmine hid the hat?
 - Ⓐ Jasmine says she never gets in trouble, but James always does.
 - Ⓑ Jasmine carefully straightens her skirt before she sits to testify.
 - Ⓒ Jasmine says that James hid the hat in a secret pocket inside his backpack.
 - Ⓓ The jury reaches a "not guilty" verdict.
10. *Hesitation* is to *uncertainty* as **verdict** is to _____.
 - Ⓐ *decision*
 - Ⓑ *trial*
 - Ⓒ *witness*
 - Ⓓ *sustained*
11. **Extended Response:** List three words that best describe Eva. Explain why you chose those words.
12. **Extended Response:** Why is it important to give people the opportunity to have their case heard in court?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

The School Versus James Holt

Main Comprehension Skill: Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions

1. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
2. Ⓓ Vocabulary
3. Ⓐ Problem and Solution
4. Ⓐ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
5. Ⓑ Main Ideas and Details
6. Ⓒ Fact or Opinion
7. Ⓑ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
8. Ⓐ Author's Purpose
9. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
10. Ⓐ Vocabulary
11. Answers will vary but should include three words to describe Eva with an explanation for choosing each word; words should include characteristics such as the following: *helpful, nervous, smart, persistent, determined, respectful, excited, supportive, caring, resourceful.*
12. Answers will vary but should include ideas similar to the following: *if someone is not guilty, he or she has an opportunity to prove it before getting punished for a crime he or she did not commit; if there's not enough evidence and the prosecution cannot convince the jury, then maybe the person didn't really commit the crime; if there's not a way to double-check someone's accusation, then people could accuse anyone of a crime without proof; it's fair to let a person speak for him- or herself and to have others speak on the person's behalf.*