

Quick Check

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

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| <p>1. Who is the main character of the story?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ a professional basketball player named Shaquille O'Neal Ⓑ a young boy named Shaquille O'Neal Ⓒ Shaquille O'Neal's dad Ⓓ Shaquille O'Neal's basketball coach <p>2. Which statement about the story is a fact?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ Basketball is a fun sport that everyone likes to play. Ⓑ Shaquille is really fast and amazing to watch. Ⓒ Shaquille played basketball every Saturday. Ⓓ The Boys and Girls Club has a great nurse's room. | <p>3. Where does Shaquille O'Neal live?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ in a forest near Los Angeles Ⓑ in the inner city of Los Angeles Ⓒ in a forest near Seattle, Washington Ⓓ in the inner city of Seattle, Washington <p>4. For what reason does Shaquille O'Neal hate his name at the beginning of the story?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ He hates that people don't notice him because of his name and he wishes they did. Ⓑ He hates that his dad has the same name and people think they are the same person. Ⓒ He hates that he is expected to be tall and good at basketball. Ⓓ He hates that he gets so much attention for being a great basketball player. |
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5. How does Shaquille O'Neal feel after he talks to Skimmy?
 - Ⓐ He likes what she said so he practices running to get faster.
 - Ⓑ He gets mad and decides not to play basketball anymore.
 - Ⓒ He tells his dad that he does not like Skimmy.
 - Ⓓ He goes back to the game and runs faster right away.
6. Read this sentence from the story: *The only problem was that I still couldn't play worth beans.* What does Shaq mean by saying this?
 - Ⓐ that he paid more for the beans than they are worth
 - Ⓑ that he played with his beans during dinner
 - Ⓒ that he was not yet a good basketball player
 - Ⓓ that he was a really good basketball player
7. In the story, two people have the same name. In what way are those two people alike?
 - Ⓐ They are both rich.
 - Ⓑ They are both tall.
 - Ⓒ They both love basketball.
 - Ⓓ They are the same age.
8. How does Shaquille O'Neal solve the main problem in the story?
 - Ⓐ by getting hurt while playing a game
 - Ⓑ by practicing his basketball skills
 - Ⓒ by telling the bigger kids how he feels
 - Ⓓ by waiting his turn patiently
9. Read these sentences from the story: *I **dribbled** in the house until my mom yelled at me. I **dribbled** in the driveway, and I **dribbled** to the bus stop to go to school.* What does it mean to **dribble**?
 - Ⓐ to run really fast
 - Ⓑ to bounce a ball
 - Ⓒ to learn about sports
 - Ⓓ to make a basket

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10. What will Shaquille O'Neal likely do next?

- Ⓐ give his basketball to Louis
- Ⓑ practice shooting basketballs
- Ⓒ tell his dad that he is tired
- Ⓓ become captain of the team

11. **Extended Response:** Do Shaquille O'Neal's feelings about his name change throughout the story? If so, how? If not, why not?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Identify Character Point of View

1. Ⓑ *Story Elements*
2. Ⓒ *Fact or Opinion*
3. Ⓓ *Story Elements*
4. Ⓒ *Identify Character Point of View*
5. Ⓐ *Identify Character Point of View*
6. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
7. Ⓒ *Compare and Contrast*
8. Ⓑ *Problem and Solution*
9. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
10. Ⓑ *Sequence Events*
11. Answers will vary. Example:
Shaquille O'Neal likes his name better at the end of the story because he can play basketball better now.