

Quick Check

The Queen's Loss (Part I)

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

1. When something **dissipates**, it _____.
 - Ⓐ becomes larger
 - Ⓑ scatters apart
 - Ⓒ is put back together again
 - Ⓓ changes constantly
2. What conclusions can you draw about Qynn's character?
 - Ⓐ She has special powers, but they are not strong enough to help anyone.
 - Ⓑ She is outspoken and causes trouble by talking too much.
 - Ⓒ She is courageous and not afraid to speak her mind.
 - Ⓓ She acts as if she is brave but is actually not very courageous.
3. Which of the following events occurred first in the story?
 - Ⓐ Qynn sees Sarah blissful in her illusions that have been created by the Queen.
 - Ⓑ Qynn concentrates intensely to remove Anna from her illusion.
 - Ⓒ The walls and floor of the room disappear, and Qynn and her friends find themselves in an amazing room.
 - Ⓓ The Queen has her minions capture Qynn and her friends and hold them in the palace.
4. What is the effect of Qynn concentrating to remove Anna from her illusion?
 - Ⓐ It alerts the Queen to her presence in the castle.
 - Ⓑ It frees everyone who is being held in an illusion.
 - Ⓒ It angers the Queen, and she puts Qynn in an illusion.
 - Ⓓ It causes Qynn to consider how nice it might be to live in an illusion.

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5. Which of the following events happens last in the story?
 - Ⓐ The Queen sends her minions to capture Qynn and her friends, and they barely escape the palace.
 - Ⓑ The Queen places all of the characters in an illusion and keeps them prisoner there.
 - Ⓒ The Queen considers what Qynn has said to her and decides to release Qynn's friends.
 - Ⓓ The Queen tells Qynn and her friends to leave the palace.
6. Why does Qynn say that it is necessary for people to experience sadness in their lives?
 - Ⓐ She says this only to convince the Queen to release Sarah.
 - Ⓑ She believes that happiness doesn't exist without sadness.
 - Ⓒ She is trying to convince Uncle Jasper to not accept eternal happiness from the Queen.
 - Ⓓ She has a negative attitude about life.
7. What does the Queen want from Qynn?
 - Ⓐ She wants Qynn to introduce her to new friends.
 - Ⓑ She wants Qynn to explain her powers to her.
 - Ⓒ She wants Qynn to put Anna back in her illusion.
 - Ⓓ She wants Qynn to live in an illusion.
8. What is the effect of Qynn rejecting the Queen's offer?
 - Ⓐ The Queen tells Qynn to leave the palace.
 - Ⓑ The palace begins to crumble because the Queen is so angry.
 - Ⓒ Qynn and her friends are captured by the cephaloids.
 - Ⓓ The Queen gives Qynn another option to consider.
9. When something is *overly decorated in a showy way*, it is _____.
 - Ⓐ expedient
 - Ⓑ ascending
 - Ⓒ gaudy
 - Ⓓ minute

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10. What was one effect of the Queen giving eternal happiness to some people?
- Ⓐ Qynn decides that she wants eternal happiness too.
 - Ⓑ Their families suffer from the loss of their loved ones.
 - Ⓒ All of the characters, except for Qynn, decide they want eternal happiness.
 - Ⓓ Their families want to join the Queen because they want eternal happiness too.
11. **Extended Response:** Why does Qynn believe that both happiness and sadness are necessary in one's life?
12. **Extended Response:** Why do you think the author titled this story *The Queen's Loss*? Use details from the story to support your response.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

The Queen's Loss (Part I)*Main Comprehension Skill: Cause and Effect*

1. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
2. Ⓒ *Analyze Character*
3. Ⓑ *Sequence Events*
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6. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
7. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
9. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
10. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
11. Answers will vary, but students should note that in the story, Qynn explains that people can become stuck in either happiness or sadness and that experiencing both emotions allows us to not become stuck in one and to grow and move forward in our lives.
12. Answers will vary, but students should note that when Qynn mentions the grief of the families who have lost their loved ones to the Queen, the Queen snaps and says, "They know nothing of loss!" Students should note that this implies that the Queen is experiencing her own sadness and sense of loss, which may explain why she behaves the way she does. Answers should include that the author may have chosen to name this story *The Queen's Loss* because there is an untold story about the Queen's own hurt.