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

1. Which step comes before scooping out the insides of a pumpkin?
 - Ⓐ Cut out a face in the pumpkin.
 - Ⓑ Put a candle inside.
 - Ⓒ Cut a hole in the top of the pumpkin.
 - Ⓓ Put the jack-o'-lantern outside.
2. Why is a pumpkin that will stay upright a better choice for a jack-o'-lantern?
 - Ⓐ The pumpkin could roll in front of a car.
 - Ⓑ The light inside may not be stable.
 - Ⓒ The jack-o'-lantern will look better.
 - Ⓓ It could roll over other jack-o'-lanterns.
3. What was the author's purpose for writing *Jack-o'-Lanterns*?
 - Ⓐ to persuade the reader to be more creative when making a jack-o'-lantern
 - Ⓑ to inform the reader about how difficult it is to make a jack-o'-lantern
 - Ⓒ to inform and entertain the reader about jack-o'-lanterns
 - Ⓓ to inform the reader about how many pumpkins are sold each year
4. What is the best kind of pumpkin for a jack-o'-lantern?
 - Ⓐ a vegetable other than a pumpkin
 - Ⓑ a heavy pumpkin
 - Ⓒ a hard and lumpy pumpkin
 - Ⓓ a firm and smooth pumpkin
5. Which word means *to move and live in a new country*?
 - Ⓐ stencil
 - Ⓑ immigrate
 - Ⓒ investigate
 - Ⓓ vacation

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6. Which of the following sentences contains an opinion?
 - Ⓐ People can carve faces, animals, or a message into a pumpkin.
 - Ⓑ Carving a jack-o'-lantern can take time, but the end result is worth the effort.
 - Ⓒ Every autumn, people visit pumpkin patches and farms to pick pumpkins.
 - Ⓓ About 1.5 billion pounds of pumpkins are grown in the United States each year.
7. How were the first jack-o'-lanterns made in the United States different from those made in Europe?
 - Ⓐ They were made out of pumpkins.
 - Ⓑ They were made only with scary faces.
 - Ⓒ People put candles inside of them.
 - Ⓓ They were made year-round and not just during Halloween.
8. In which town is the Great Jack-o'-Lantern Blaze held?
 - Ⓐ Tucson, Arizona
 - Ⓑ Los Angeles, California
 - Ⓒ Hudson Valley, New York
 - Ⓓ Keene, New Hampshire
9. Which of the following sentences states an opinion?
 - Ⓐ The record-breaking pumpkin was as heavy as a cow.
 - Ⓑ Making pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns is fun for people of all ages.
 - Ⓒ What kind of jack-o'-lantern would you make?
 - Ⓓ Jack-o'-lanterns can be seen during Halloween.
10. *Patterns of lines, shapes, or colors* are called _____.
 - Ⓐ designs
 - Ⓑ traditions
 - Ⓒ curses
 - Ⓓ carvings
11. **Extended Response:** Other than making a jack-o'-lantern, how else are pumpkins used during Halloween time?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Jack-o'-Lanterns

Main Comprehension Skill: Fact or Opinion

1. Ⓒ *Sequence Events*
2. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
3. Ⓒ *Author's Purpose*
4. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
5. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓑ *Fact or Opinion*
7. Ⓐ *Compare and Contrast*
8. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
9. Ⓑ *Fact or Opinion*
10. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers should include the following: *Pumpkins can be used to make pies, breads, and soups. The seeds of a pumpkin can also be roasted and eaten as a snack.*