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

1. What does it mean to **prep** in the kitchen?
 - Ⓐ to ask an adult for help with the stove
 - Ⓑ to cook a delicious dinner and dessert
 - Ⓒ to gather and combine ingredients
 - Ⓓ to put things away and clean up the kitchen
2. The author mentions a president to support what point?
 - Ⓐ *Mario's Kitchen* was a new restaurant.
 - Ⓑ Uncle Mario owned an Italian restaurant.
 - Ⓒ Timmy wanted to learn to cook.
 - Ⓓ Famous people ate at *Mario's Kitchen*.

3. At the beginning of the story, where was Uncle Mario?
 - Ⓐ working in the kitchen
 - Ⓑ shopping at the market
 - Ⓒ waiting for his flight at the airport
 - Ⓓ meeting with important people in Chicago
4. Why did Uncle Mario go to a secluded corner of the restaurant?
 - Ⓐ to add secret spices to the ground meat
 - Ⓑ to share recipes with another chef
 - Ⓒ to meet with another restaurant owner
 - Ⓓ to tell Timmy how to make meatballs
5. Why did Uncle Mario go to Chicago?
 - Ⓐ to visit friends and family
 - Ⓑ to meet with investors
 - Ⓒ to open a new restaurant
 - Ⓓ to cook dinner for a famous person

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6. How did Timmy feel when his uncle shared the recipe?
 - (A) scared that he would lose the recipe during dinner
 - (B) surprised that his uncle trusted him with it already
 - (C) mad that he had to work for his uncle now
 - (D) glad that he could now change the recipe
7. Read this sentence from the book: *On the opposite wall hung glowing articles and raving reviews from some of the city's toughest critics.* Which word in the sentence helps explain what **critics** do?
 - (A) opposite
 - (B) glowing
 - (C) city's
 - (D) reviews
8. To what does the author compare Uncle Mario's recipe for meatballs?
 - (A) a secret location
 - (B) a special request
 - (C) a precious jewel
 - (D) a crowded restaurant
9. Why did Timmy leave the restaurant to make the meatballs?
 - (A) because there were too many other people in the kitchen
 - (B) because he needed to take the large dog back to its home
 - (C) because he wanted to watch the baseball game while they cooked
 - (D) because he didn't want anyone to see how he made them
10. What will most likely happen next in the story?
 - (A) Mario will fly home from Chicago.
 - (B) Timmy will become a famous chef.
 - (C) Timmy will call the owner of the dog.
 - (D) Mario will buy more chairs for the restaurant.
11. **Extended Response:** Why did Uncle Mario take *Mario's Magnificent Meatballs and Spaghetti* off the menu?

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12. Extended Response: Why did Uncle Mario share the recipe for meatballs with Timmy?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Magnificent Meatball Maker

Main Comprehension Skill: Cause and Effect

1. Ⓒ Vocabulary
2. Ⓓ Author's Purpose
3. Ⓑ Story Elements
4. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
5. Ⓑ Cause and Effect
6. Ⓑ Analyze Character
7. Ⓓ Vocabulary
8. Ⓒ Compare and Contrast
9. Ⓓ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
10. Ⓐ Sequence Events
11. Answers will vary. Example: *Uncle Mario took Mario's Magnificent Meatballs and Spaghetti off the menu because too many people visited the restaurant just to have that dish, and that caused chaos. The restaurant was not big enough to handle all the attention every night.*
12. Answers will vary. Example: *Uncle Mario recognized greatness in Timmy. He believed that someday Timmy would be a great chef. So, he shared the secret recipe for meatballs with Timmy so he would have reliable help when he expanded his restaurant.*