

Quick Check

A Late Night Chat with a Parakeet

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

1. What does the author mean when he says, "the parakeet talks like there is no tomorrow?"
 - Ⓐ The parakeet can only talk for one day.
 - Ⓑ The parakeet likes to talk about the past.
 - Ⓒ The parakeet talks too much.
 - Ⓓ The parakeet doesn't really talk.
2. Which of the following contains absolute proof of the talking parakeet?
 - Ⓐ Sarah's journal
 - Ⓑ a videotape
 - Ⓒ Hattie's diary
 - Ⓓ Davey Brewster
3. Why does Hattie say she hates Sybil and Sarah?
 - Ⓐ They say she's lying about the parakeet.
 - Ⓑ They went to the movies with Davey Brewster.
 - Ⓒ They didn't invite her to sleep over.
 - Ⓓ They don't want to be friends with her.
4. Where does the parakeet come from?
 - Ⓐ her great-aunt
 - Ⓑ her friend Debbie
 - Ⓒ the park
 - Ⓓ the pet store
5. Why does Hattie's mom not let her buy a Britney Spears CD?
 - Ⓐ She lost the parakeet.
 - Ⓑ She sassed the teacher.
 - Ⓒ She wasn't supposed to go to Sarah's.
 - Ⓓ She wouldn't go to sleep.

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6. What does Hattie do on the day her parents go to the funeral?
 - Ⓐ goes to the mall
 - Ⓑ goes to the funeral
 - Ⓒ goes to Sarah's house
 - Ⓓ stays home
7. What does the parakeet say is the life for him?
 - Ⓐ traveling with a circus
 - Ⓑ flying south with the ducks
 - Ⓒ living in a cage
 - Ⓓ spending time with Hattie
8. What is one thing the parakeet especially loves to eat?
 - Ⓐ birdseed
 - Ⓑ chili cheese fries
 - Ⓒ cherries
 - Ⓓ potato chips
9. What do you think Mom's "responsibility talk" to Hattie is about?
 - Ⓐ not getting in trouble at school
 - Ⓑ taking better care of things left in her care
 - Ⓒ not telling lies
 - Ⓓ not spending money on CDs
10. Read this example sentence: *Hattie said she had **absolute** proof of the talking bird.* What is another word for **absolute**?
 - Ⓐ definite
 - Ⓑ written
 - Ⓒ final
 - Ⓓ honest
11. **Extended Response:** What do you think happened to the parakeet? Cite evidence from the story.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Summarize

1. Ⓒ *Author's Point of View*
2. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
3. Ⓐ *Analyze Character*
4. Ⓐ *Story Elements*
5. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
6. Ⓒ *Story Elements*
7. Ⓑ *Story Elements*
8. Ⓑ *Story Elements*
9. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
10. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but should include details from the story such as the following: *The clues of the cat being in the room with the bird out of the cage and feathers in the room suggest the cat ate it. However, the clue of the open window and the feathers on the floor could suggest that the cat chased the bird out the window.*