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

1. What caused Craco, Italy, to become a ghost town?
 - Ⓐ volcanic eruptions
 - Ⓑ landslides
 - Ⓒ an underground fire
 - Ⓓ a loss of gold
2. What do all ghost towns have in common?
 - Ⓐ They are filled with animals.
 - Ⓑ They are lonely places.
 - Ⓒ They are dangerous for people.
 - Ⓓ They are too cold to survive.
3. What is the main idea of this book?
 - Ⓐ Ghost towns are human settlements where people no longer live.
 - Ⓑ Ghost towns are haunted places with many spooky ghosts.
 - Ⓒ Ghost towns are places where many people and animals live.
 - Ⓓ Ghost towns are old places that have been empty for thousands of years.
4. What makes the ghost town in China unique compared to the other ghost towns?
 - Ⓐ It has many animals living there.
 - Ⓑ It still has people living there.
 - Ⓒ It has always been empty.
 - Ⓓ It is the world's smallest ghost town.
5. What is **radiation**?
 - Ⓐ a precious stone that is prized for its beauty
 - Ⓑ a place that is totally abandoned
 - Ⓒ a distant or isolated place
 - Ⓓ a dangerous and powerful type of energy

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6. Which of the following events happened first in the history of Okuma, Japan?
 - Ⓐ Harmful radiation was released into the air.
 - Ⓑ Tsunami waves hit a nuclear power plant.
 - Ⓒ Thousands of people had to move away.
 - Ⓓ A powerful earthquake struck off the coast of Japan.
7. Which of the following is not a reason for people to leave a town?
 - Ⓐ running out of resources
 - Ⓑ no longer finding work
 - Ⓒ natural disasters
 - Ⓓ too many resources
8. Which of the following is a fact about ghost towns?
 - Ⓐ They are all created the same way.
 - Ⓑ They are all created by natural disasters.
 - Ⓒ They are created in many different ways.
 - Ⓓ They are all spooky and haunted by ghosts.
9. What caused people to leave Bannack, Montana, in the 1800s?
 - Ⓐ Gold became hard to find.
 - Ⓑ Diamonds became hard to find.
 - Ⓒ Silver became hard to find.
 - Ⓓ Platinum became hard to find.
10. Which of the following is not a **resource**?
 - Ⓐ whales
 - Ⓑ gold
 - Ⓒ earthquakes
 - Ⓓ diamonds
11. **Extended Response:** Choose two ghost towns from the book. Do you think they will ever become regular towns again? Why or why not? Give specific examples to support your answer.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Ghost Towns

Main Comprehension Skill: Cause and Effect

1. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
2. Ⓑ *Compare and Contrast*
3. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
4. Ⓒ *Compare and Contrast*
5. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
7. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
8. Ⓒ *Fact or Opinion*
9. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
10. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but should include specific examples from the book of two ghosts towns and sound reasoning.