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

1. Which detail from the story supports the idea that Raj is nervous?
  - Ⓐ Raj chews his nails.
  - Ⓑ Raj smiles at his mother.
  - Ⓒ Raj shakes Mr. Washington's hand.
  - Ⓓ Raj bows to Sandeep.
2. What problem does Raj face in the story?
  - Ⓐ He has trouble understanding English.
  - Ⓑ He is late for his first day in a new school.
  - Ⓒ He gets lost in his new school.
  - Ⓓ He cannot find other people who speak his language.
3. How does Raj feel about the English language?
  - Ⓐ He thinks it is easy to learn.
  - Ⓑ He has a hard time understanding it.
  - Ⓒ He is excited to learn.
  - Ⓓ He is curious about it.
4. What happens before Raj meets Mr. Washington?
  - Ⓐ Raj goes to the cafeteria.
  - Ⓑ Raj has his first handshake.
  - Ⓒ Raj meets the principal.
  - Ⓓ Raj makes a new friend.
5. *Play it by ear* is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ a synonym
  - Ⓑ a verb
  - Ⓒ a noun
  - Ⓓ an idiom
6. What is the main reason Mr. Washington has Sandeep help Raj?
  - Ⓐ Sandeep is kind and nice.
  - Ⓑ Sandeep is new to the school.
  - Ⓒ Sandeep is also from India.
  - Ⓓ Sandeep is the only student willing to help Raj.

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7. Which of the following details most supports the main idea of *A New Way of Speaking*?
  - Ⓐ Today is Raj's first day of school in a new country.
  - Ⓑ Mr. Washington introduced Raj to the class.
  - Ⓒ The other children are kind and helpful to Raj.
  - Ⓓ Ms. Alvarez introduced Raj to his teacher.
8. Why did the author most likely write this story?
  - Ⓐ to inform the reader about how hard it is to learn English
  - Ⓑ to inform and entertain the reader about the challenges of learning English
  - Ⓒ to persuade the reader to learn a second language
  - Ⓓ to inform the reader about the difference between India and the United States
9. Relief is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ being free from boredom
  - Ⓑ being free from worry
  - Ⓒ being free from happiness
  - Ⓓ being free from excitement
10. How does Raj feel at the end of the story?
  - Ⓐ scared
  - Ⓑ disappointed
  - Ⓒ happy
  - Ⓓ bored
11. **Extended Response:** Why does Raj feel more comfortable after meeting Sandeep? How do you know?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## A New Way of Speaking

Main Comprehension Skill: Analyze Character

1. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓐ *Problem and Solution*
3. Ⓑ *Analyze Character*
4. Ⓒ *Sequence*
5. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
7. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓑ *Author's Purpose*
9. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
10. Ⓒ *Analyze Character*
11. Students should respond that Raj is more comfortable after meeting Sandeep because Sandeep is also from India and they share the same culture. After Sandeep greets Raj in a traditional Indian manner, Raj feels more at home.