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

1. Why did some crew on the *Ellen Austin* disappear?
 - Ⓐ They lost control of the ship.
 - Ⓑ They were engulfed by a large wave.
 - Ⓒ They boarded a ghost ship.
 - Ⓓ They crashed into a cargo barge.
2. What does the word **mysteries** mean?
 - Ⓐ things that are unknown or difficult to understand
 - Ⓑ something meant to mislead or trick
 - Ⓒ unexpected meetings, conflicts, or experiences
 - Ⓓ charged particles of gas that can conduct electricity
3. What is the author's purpose for writing this book?
 - Ⓐ to help readers understand why the Bermuda Triangle is dangerous
 - Ⓑ to convince readers that the legend of King Tut is not true
 - Ⓒ to provide readers with facts about the Bigfoot legend
 - Ⓓ to give readers information about four unsolved mysteries
4. Some people think that crop circles are formed by _____.
 - Ⓐ an ancient curse
 - Ⓑ whirlwinds
 - Ⓒ Doug Bower and David Chorley
 - Ⓓ cryptozoologists
5. In what year did Gaddis write about the Bermuda Triangle?
 - Ⓐ 1922
 - Ⓑ 1959
 - Ⓒ 1965
 - Ⓓ 1991

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6. What is the main similarity between Doug Bower and the curse of the mummy newspaper reporters?
 - Ⓐ They believe in curses.
 - Ⓑ They believe in aliens.
 - Ⓒ Their claims were not true.
 - Ⓓ They explained unsolved events.
7. What often happens to the crops that have been knocked down in a crop circle?
 - Ⓐ They die quickly and decompose.
 - Ⓑ They grow better than the unbent crops.
 - Ⓒ They grow quickly but don't bear fruit.
 - Ⓓ They reproduce slower than unbent crops.
8. What conclusion can you draw about the Bermuda Triangle?
 - Ⓐ Many stories can be explained by weather.
 - Ⓑ It is a dangerous place to visit.
 - Ⓒ Many stories can be explained by ghosts.
 - Ⓓ It is an exciting place to visit.
9. Which of the following is a similarity shared by Bigfoot and the curse of the mummy?
 - Ⓐ They are in the Bermuda Triangle.
 - Ⓑ They are explained by weather.
 - Ⓒ They are explained by aliens.
 - Ⓓ They remain unexplained.
10. Evidence is _____.
 - Ⓐ an unexpected meeting, conflict, or experience
 - Ⓑ the place on the stem of a plant from which a leaf or branch grows
 - Ⓒ something that supports a theory or claim
 - Ⓓ a ruler in ancient Egypt

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11. Extended Response: Choose two mysteries from the book to compare. Using details from the text, write about at least one way they are similar and one way they are different.

12. Extended Response: Why would scientists still be interested in investigating these mysteries?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Believe It or Not?

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
2. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
3. Ⓓ *Author's Purpose*
4. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
5. Ⓒ *Sequence Events*
6. Ⓒ *Compare and Contrast*
7. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
9. Ⓓ *Compare and Contrast*
10. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but should include details from the text to support the comparison.
12. Answers will vary but would likely state that scientists want to find solutions to strange happenings so they know why or how these things have occurred.