

Quick Check

Miltie Math-head Takes the Mound

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

1. What words did the author use to tell readers that Miltie pitched slow balls?
 - Ⓐ Jimmy could have sprinted from the pitcher's mound to home plate faster than Miltie's pitch.
 - Ⓑ Gordon said, "What's the matter, Dan. You afraid you won't be the man?"
 - Ⓒ Miltie smirked and shouted, "Now here comes the heat."
 - Ⓓ "Another strike!" cried Mary Beth.
2. What kind of ball did Old Man MacGruder teach Miltie?
 - Ⓐ slider
 - Ⓑ curve
 - Ⓒ fatball
 - Ⓓ fastball
3. In the sentence, *Miltie's computations tell you that I'm good with the stick*, what does *good with the stick* mean?
 - Ⓐ can stick things on walls easily
 - Ⓑ can hit a baseball easily
 - Ⓒ can win an argument
 - Ⓓ can play stick ball
4. How is the secret spring league in Cobb County different from the regular leagues?
 - Ⓐ The players don't wear uniforms.
 - Ⓑ No parents know about it.
 - Ⓒ There are no coaches.
 - Ⓓ All of the above

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5. Why was Miltie a legend in Cobb County before the baseball game?
 - Ⓐ He was such a great math whiz.
 - Ⓑ He was very accurate when he hit baseballs.
 - Ⓒ He tackled a big linebacker and helped win the championship football game.
 - Ⓓ He used his math skills to plot plays that helped the basketball team win.
6. What does substitution mean?
 - Ⓐ to work hard
 - Ⓑ to make a change
 - Ⓒ to bring up to average
 - Ⓓ to solve difficult math problems
7. How did the Hilltop Aces win eight games?
 - Ⓐ Dan took over as main pitcher, and Miltie managed the team.
 - Ⓑ Mary Beth started hitting home runs with the bases loaded.
 - Ⓒ They started playing teams that hadn't been practicing.
 - Ⓓ Miltie practiced his pitching and got better.
8. How did Miltie feel after the first game he pitched?
 - Ⓐ angry
 - Ⓑ excited
 - Ⓒ puzzled
 - Ⓓ disappointed

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9. Why did Mary Beth cheer for Miltie after the third game he lost?
- Ⓐ because his pitching was really badly
 - Ⓑ because she wanted him to feel better
 - Ⓒ because he was getting ready to quit the team
 - Ⓓ because she wanted to show the 618 Express she was louder

10. Why did Mr. MacGruder have a giggle in his voice when he called "Strike two" on 618?
- Ⓐ because he thought 618 swung in a funny way
 - Ⓑ because he thought of a joke that made him laugh
 - Ⓒ because he was glad to see Miltie get 618 to make two strikes
 - Ⓓ because he was hoping that 618 would be able to hit the ball far

11. **Extended Response:** Explain why you would or would not want to have Dan-the-Man Dugan on your team even if he was not a good pitcher.

12. **Extended Response:** Do you think Miltie's legend will grow or will not grow from the events in this book?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Analyze Character

1. Ⓐ *Author's Point of View*
2. Ⓒ *Analyze Character*
3. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓓ *Compare and Contrast*
5. Ⓒ *Analyze Character*
6. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
7. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
8. Ⓓ *Analyze Character*
9. Ⓑ *Analyze Character*
10. Ⓒ *Analyze Character*
11. Answers will vary.
12. Answers will vary, but would likely include the following:
Miltie's legend will grow among kids in Cobb County because he was able to get the last hitter to strike out so that his baseball team would have the best record.