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

1. Which of the following sentences contains an opinion?
  - Ⓐ Pumpkins can be carved with a spooky face or detailed art.
  - Ⓑ Carving a jack-o'-lantern can take time, but the end result is worth the effort.
  - Ⓒ Carved pumpkins are even displayed underwater.
  - Ⓓ The largest jack-o'-lantern weighed more than 1,800 pounds!
2. How were the first jack-o'-lanterns in the United States different from those in Europe?
  - Ⓐ They were made out of pumpkins.
  - Ⓑ They were made only with scary faces.
  - Ⓒ People put candles inside of them.
  - Ⓓ They were made year-round and not just during Halloween.
3. Which town has a display of pumpkins as cars and dinosaurs?
  - Ⓐ Tucson, Arizona
  - Ⓑ Hudson Valley, New York
  - Ⓒ Los Angeles, California
  - Ⓓ Keene, New Hampshire
4. Which word is a synonym for the word **festive**?
  - Ⓐ interesting
  - Ⓑ cheerful
  - Ⓒ creative
  - Ⓓ boring
5. What was the author's purpose for writing *Jack-o'-Lanterns*?
  - Ⓐ to persuade the reader to make a fancy jack-o'-lantern
  - Ⓑ to inform the reader about how hard it is to make a jack-o'-lantern
  - Ⓒ to inform and entertain the reader about jack-o'-lanterns
  - Ⓓ to inform the reader about how many pumpkins are sold each year

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6. What is the next step to making a jack-o'-lantern after scooping out the insides of the pumpkin?
  - Ⓐ draw a picture on the pumpkin
  - Ⓑ put a candle inside
  - Ⓒ cut a hole in the top of the pumpkin
  - Ⓓ put the jack-o'-lantern outside
7. Why did people in Europe light fires on All Hallows' Eve?
  - Ⓐ to celebrate the coming of autumn
  - Ⓑ to keep away ghosts
  - Ⓒ to give them light to carve jack-o'-lanterns
  - Ⓓ to keep warm in the winter
8. What is the best kind of pumpkin for a jack-o'-lantern?
  - Ⓐ a vegetable other than a pumpkin
  - Ⓑ a heavy pumpkin
  - Ⓒ a hard and lumpy pumpkin
  - Ⓓ a firm and smooth pumpkin
9. Which of the following sentences states an opinion?
  - Ⓐ The record-breaking pumpkin was as heavy as a cow.
  - Ⓑ Making pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns is fun for people of all ages.
  - Ⓒ What kind of jack-o'-lantern would you make?
  - Ⓓ Jack-o'-lanterns can be seen during Halloween.
10. *Patterns of lines, shapes, or colors* are called \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ designs
  - Ⓑ traditions
  - Ⓒ curses
  - Ⓓ carvings
11. **Extended Response:** What are the different ways that jack-o'-lanterns are used to celebrate Halloween? Use at least two examples from the book.

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## Jack-o'-Lanterns

Main Comprehension Skill: Fact or Opinion

1. Ⓑ *Fact or Opinion*
2. Ⓐ *Compare and Contrast*
3. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
4. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
5. Ⓒ *Author's Purpose*
6. Ⓐ *Sequence Events*
7. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
8. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
9. Ⓑ *Fact or Opinion*
10. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but may be similar to the following: *Jack-o'-lanterns can be placed in front of people's homes or can be used to make more elaborate designs, like the cars and dinosaurs made for the festival in Los Angeles.*