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

1. What did Charly do to make sure no one followed her home from the parade?
 - Ⓐ She rode in her Aunt Dee's car.
 - Ⓑ She went the long way home.
 - Ⓒ She pretended she wasn't going home.
 - Ⓓ She took a shortcut through a hole in a fence.
2. When something is **glorious**, it is _____.
 - Ⓐ very beautiful
 - Ⓑ always running
 - Ⓒ ready to be used
 - Ⓓ not real
3. Why did Charly agree that the animals that came in her house were wild?
 - Ⓐ Because they wouldn't let her pet them.
 - Ⓑ Because they ran all over and made a mess.
 - Ⓒ Because they wouldn't play with her dog Murray.
 - Ⓓ Because they wouldn't stay in the house with her.
4. What did Charly say that let you know she didn't like the candy that her Great Aunt Tess had put out on tables?
 - Ⓐ That it wasn't her style.
 - Ⓑ That she didn't care to have any.
 - Ⓒ That no one in their right mind would eat any of it.
 - Ⓓ That it didn't taste good until you were 60 years old.

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5. Where did the expression “raining cats and dogs” come from?
 - Ⓐ When there was a hard rain, the cats and dogs sleeping on the roof would all jump down.
 - Ⓑ The cats and dogs in the neighborhood would all start to howl and whine when it rained hard.
 - Ⓒ If it rained a lot, it would sound like cats and dogs were running around on your roof.
 - Ⓓ During a hard rain all the cats and dogs would scratch at the door to be let inside.
6. Why did Ethan say to Charly, “You are always ruining everything!”?
 - Ⓐ Charly’s rain dance was bothering Ethan.
 - Ⓑ He blamed Charly for the rain that ruined the outdoor festival.
 - Ⓒ Charly told Ethan he couldn’t be in the town’s Swing Into Spring Parade.
 - Ⓓ Charly had ruined all the gardens in town by stopping the spring rain.
7. What happened right after the little cat jumped up to the ceiling?
 - Ⓐ She got swatted by a big, tiger-striped tomcat.
 - Ⓑ She ran out the window with the other cat chasing her.
 - Ⓒ She started to play with all the yarn Charly had left out.
 - Ⓓ She landed on Charly’s dog Murry who growled at the cats.
8. What did Charly mean when she said the family of raccoons was **freeloading**?
 - Ⓐ They were wild.
 - Ⓑ They were stealing food.
 - Ⓒ They were helping her out.
 - Ⓓ They were causing problems.

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9. Why was Charly happy and excited when the grey cat jumped onto the windowsill?
 - Ⓐ She could go on with her experiment.
 - Ⓑ She had been trying to find a cat to adopt.
 - Ⓒ She knew that it was Gattie's missing cat.
 - Ⓓ She wanted to play with the cat and the yarn.
10. What was Charly trying to find out with her experiment?
 - Ⓐ how to make it rain cats and dogs
 - Ⓑ how to get wild animals into your house
 - Ⓒ what something the cat dragged in looks like
 - Ⓓ what she could do to make the party more exciting
11. **Extended Response:** What should Charly have done differently at the end of the story?
12. **Extended Response:** How would the story have been different if Gattie had not said anything about Charly looking like "something the cat dragged in"?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Raining Cats, Dogs, and Other Animals

Main Comprehension Skill: Make Inferences

1. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
2. Ⓐ Vocabulary
3. Ⓑ Make Inferences
4. Ⓓ Make Inferences
5. Ⓐ Main Idea and Details
6. Ⓑ Cause and Effect
7. Ⓓ Sequence Events
8. Ⓑ Vocabulary
9. Ⓐ Make Inferences
10. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
11. Answers will vary somewhat but a likely answer is: *Charly should have stayed at home and cleaned up the mess before Gattie got home.*
12. Answers should include the idea that Charly would not have tried this experiment and so the house would have stayed ready for Gattie's party.