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

1. Why does the story begin with the sound of someone striking a match?
 - Ⓐ it quickly brings readers in to the pottery studio setting
 - Ⓑ it reveals an important detail about Christine's character
 - Ⓒ it immediately adds a sense of mystery to the plot
 - Ⓓ it foreshadows fire as a main story event
2. What effect does the story's change in setting have on the plot?
 - Ⓐ The change in setting introduces the baby bird and the major conflict of the story.
 - Ⓑ The change in setting is used to detail the falling action of the story's earlier events.
 - Ⓒ The change in setting emphasizes how the themes of pottery and caring for a bird are connected.
 - Ⓓ The change in setting shifts the focus from the rescue to the challenges of caring for a wild bird.
3. Mrs. Rodriguez rescues the chick because she is afraid the chick will _____.
 - Ⓐ fly away
 - Ⓑ frighten the dog
 - Ⓒ fall down
 - Ⓓ roast in the heat
4. Read this sentence: *After two or three weeks of **nurturing**, he'd be released into the wild.* Which of the following best describes the meaning of **nurturing**?
 - Ⓐ touching
 - Ⓑ growing up
 - Ⓒ observing
 - Ⓓ caring for

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5. Which of the following is a problem that Christine solves during the story?
 - Ⓐ Asking her mom if she can apprentice under Mrs. Rodriguez.
 - Ⓑ Finding a safe place for Chick-a-Dude to live while Christine cares for it.
 - Ⓒ Preparing enough vases to enter in the community fair.
 - Ⓓ Training Chick-a-Dude so Christine can release the bird back into the wild.
6. What is the problem between Chick-a-Dude and Misty?
 - Ⓐ Chick-a-Dude likes to fly down and attack Misty.
 - Ⓑ Misty thinks Chick-a-Dude would be a tasty treat.
 - Ⓒ Misty does not like Chick-a-Dude in her territory
 - Ⓓ Chick-a-Dude steals Misty's food.
7. Read this sentence from the story: *Misty sat beneath Chick-a-Dude's aquarium in the kitchen and stared at the unwelcome houseguest.* Which word in the sentence best helps the reader understand how Misty feels about the chick?
 - Ⓐ beneath
 - Ⓑ stared
 - Ⓒ unwelcome
 - Ⓓ houseguest
8. Which of the following events is part of the story's rising action?
 - Ⓐ Christine's mom lighting the kiln
 - Ⓑ Mrs. Rodriguez apprenticing Christine in pottery
 - Ⓒ Chick-a-Dude going to the Wildlife Rescue Center
 - Ⓓ Christine volunteering to care for the robin

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9. Why does the family choose to name the chick Chick-a-Dude?

- Ⓐ the chick looks like a cool dude
- Ⓑ the chick makes a "chickadee" sound
- Ⓒ the chick is found on a Dude ranch
- Ⓓ the chick turns out to be a boy in a surprise twist

10. Read this sentence from the story: "*Ladies, we've got to **rescue** that little fella!*" What word is a synonym for the word **rescue**?

- Ⓐ ignore
- Ⓑ name
- Ⓒ save
- Ⓓ lift

11. **Extended Response:** Write a response about the reason Christine calls the Wildlife Rescue Center, and what this reveals about her character.

12. **Extended Response:** Did the family think their dog was more important than the baby bird? Use details from the text to support your answer.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Chick-a-Dude

Main Comprehension Skill: Problem and Solution

1. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
2. Ⓓ *Analyze Setting*
3. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
4. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
5. Ⓑ *Problem and Solution*
6. Ⓒ *Problem and Solution*
7. Ⓒ *Analyze Character*
8. Ⓓ *Analyze Plot*
9. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
10. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary. Example: *Christine calls the Center because she knows that Chick-a-Dude needs a safer, more appropriate place to live, and because she knows that Misty and Chick-a-Dude cannot coexist peacefully. She probably calls the Center because she trusts that they are experts on animals. Her decision reveals that Christine really cares about both Misty and Chick-a-Dude, and is interested in doing what is best for them. She also reveals intelligence in calling the right people. It shows that she is a compassionate and clever character.*
12. Answers will vary. Example: *No, the family did not think one was more important than the other. They took care of both animals. They tried to make Misty more comfortable with Chick-a-Dude in the house and continued to feed and care for her. They also protected Chick-a-Dude from Misty, keeping the bird safe in an aquarium and out of reach. In the end, they did the best thing for both of the animals.*