

Quick Check

Miltie Math-head: Football Hero?

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

1. Why is it surprising that Milton Meyers could be a good quarterback for the football team?
 - (A) He is very small.
 - (B) He runs very slowly.
 - (C) He isn't good at sports.
 - (D) All of the above
2. Why does Dan want Miltie to be on the football team?
 - (A) He can throw the ball far to the receivers.
 - (B) He wants the team to have a good laugh.
 - (C) He is good at math.
 - (D) He wants the team to get to know what Milton is really like.
3. Toward the end of the final championship game, Miltie was acting more like a _____ than a player.
 - (A) coach
 - (B) referee
 - (C) spectator
 - (D) cheerleader
4. Which of the following is an example that shows the author is using humor to entertain?
 - (A) Jimmy starts at the line of scrimmage.
 - (B) Football is all about math.
 - (C) A football field is just a big rectangle.
 - (D) Everything about him was big and strong, even his breath.
5. Why does Miltie go to the community college to take a math class?
 - (A) He doesn't like math, so his parents make him go.
 - (B) He is smart enough in math to understand a college class.
 - (C) He doesn't have anything better to do.
 - (D) Both A and C
6. What is another word for **competitor**?
 - (A) quarterback
 - (B) rival
 - (C) coach
 - (D) pal

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7. Read the following sentence:
When it comes to sports, I've got two left feet, two left hands, and ten left thumbs.
What is the author's purpose?
 (A) to inform
 (B) to entertain
 (C) to persuade
 (D) both B and C
8. How can Milton use math to help the team win?
 (A) He could add up the score at the end of a game.
 (B) He could create new plays on the basis of arcs, angles, and distance.
 (C) He could figure out how fast each player can run.
 (D) All of the above
9. What causes Dan to break his wrist?
 (A) He throws the ball too hard.
 (B) The 618 Express runs over him.
 (C) He falls out of a tree.
 (D) He crashes into the wall during a game.
10. What does Mr. McGruder do during the games?
 (A) He calls out plays.
 (B) He takes naps.
 (C) He cheers.
 (D) He talks on the phone.
11. **Extended Response:** Explain how Milton stopped the 618 Express from getting to the player with the ball at the end of the championship game.
12. **Extended Response:** What did Milton think about his friendship with Dan?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Author's Purpose

1. Ⓓ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
2. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
3. Ⓐ *Compare and Contrast*
4. Ⓓ *Author's Purpose*
5. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
6. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
7. Ⓑ *Author's Purpose*
8. Ⓑ *Problem and Solution*
9. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
10. Ⓑ *Story Elements*
11. Answers will vary, but should include: *Milton stood in front of the 618 Express as he ran forward trying to get to the player with the ball. Then, just as the 618 Express got to him, Miltie dropped to his knees. This tripped the 618 Express who went flying, and the player on Miltie's team ran into the end zone.*
12. Answers will vary, but likely would include the following: *Milton trusted his friend even though Dan wanted him to do something that he wouldn't have done on his own—football. He knew that Dan was trying to help him have more friends, and he valued Dan's friendship. At the end, he was probably grateful to Dan for helping him to join the team and for convincing the team to try his plays, which led him to be respected by the rest of the team.*