

Quick Check

Why Does an Octopus Need Eight Arms?

Name _____ Date _____

1. What is the main idea of this story?
 - Ⓐ An octopus can make a great friend.
 - Ⓑ An octopus needs eight arms.
 - Ⓒ There are many animals that live in the sea.
2. Why did the author most likely write this story?
 - Ⓐ to make the reader want to have a pet octopus
 - Ⓑ to explain how to take care of an octopus
 - Ⓒ to tell an entertaining story about an octopus
3. This story takes place in the ocean. The ocean is an example of a _____.
 - Ⓐ setting
 - Ⓑ character
 - Ⓒ plot
4. What happens right after the octopus plays catch with her friend?
 - Ⓐ She holds an umbrella.
 - Ⓑ She gives a high five.
 - Ⓒ She carries a bag.
5. Which word means *a game where a ball is thrown back and forth*?
 - Ⓐ tag
 - Ⓑ catch
 - Ⓒ comb
6. **Extended Response:** Have students dictate two examples of how they are similar to the octopus in the story and two examples of how they are different.

Instructions: Sit next to the student and read the first question as you run your finger under the words. Ask the student to wait to answer until you have read all the choices. Repeat them if necessary. Have the student choose the best answer. Repeat with the remaining questions.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓒ *Author's Purpose*
3. Ⓐ *Story Elements*
4. Ⓑ *Sequence Events*
5. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
6. Answers will vary but students may suggest that they are similar in that they play catch, comb their hair, and so on. Differences may include that they only have two arms, they do not live in the ocean, and so on.

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