

Quick Check

Horseshoes Aren't Just for Good Luck

Name _____ Date _____

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

1. What new experience did the narrator have during this story?
 - Ⓐ seeing the ocean
 - Ⓑ riding a train
 - Ⓒ helping horseshoe crabs
 - Ⓓ all of the above
2. What did Gram want the narrator to do before going to the beach alone?
 - Ⓐ learn how to be safe at the beach
 - Ⓑ pick out a bedroom
 - Ⓒ eat dinner
 - Ⓓ get some beach gear
3. Which of the following is a fact about horseshoe crabs?
 - Ⓐ A female horseshoe crab can lay as many as eighty thousand eggs in one season.
 - Ⓑ Horseshoe crabs are the most interesting species of crab.
 - Ⓒ Horseshoe crabs are upside down on the beach because they like to relax.
 - Ⓓ Horseshoe crabs have only been around for the past 100 years.
4. The townspeople built jetties because _____.
 - Ⓐ they didn't want the ocean to flood their town
 - Ⓑ they wanted to walk on them
 - Ⓒ they wanted to prevent any more erosion of the beach
 - Ⓓ the thought that they would bring in more tourists
5. How did the narrator feel when seeing the horseshoe crabs for the first time?
 - Ⓐ surprised and curious
 - Ⓑ worried and afraid
 - Ⓒ uninterested and unconcerned
 - Ⓓ all of the above
6. Why do horseshoe crabs burrow into the sand?
 - Ⓐ to hide
 - Ⓑ to sleep
 - Ⓒ to stay cool
 - Ⓓ to find food

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7. When an animal sheds its skin or fur, we say it _____.
 - Ⓐ rows
 - Ⓑ molts
 - Ⓒ burrows
 - Ⓓ erodes
8. After a horseshoe crab swims a long way, it will _____ to rest.
 - Ⓐ sit on a rock
 - Ⓑ ride on a whale
 - Ⓒ sink to the bottom
 - Ⓓ turn over and float
9. Which of the following is an opinion about horseshoe crabs?
 - Ⓐ Horseshoe crabs got their name because of the U-shaped design in their shells.
 - Ⓑ Horseshoe crabs float in and out on the waves.
 - Ⓒ Horseshoe crabs would make great pets for children.
 - Ⓓ Horseshoe crabs burrow in the wet sand to stay cool on the beach.
10. Something that has been affected by **erosion** has been _____.
 - Ⓐ worn away
 - Ⓑ built up
 - Ⓒ mixed together
 - Ⓓ changed into something new
11. **Extended Response:** What might have happened if the narrator hadn't followed Gram's rules about the sea?
12. **Extended Response:** What do you think the narrator will remember most about this summer at the beach?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Fact or Opinion

1. Ⓓ *Story Elements*
2. Ⓐ *Sequence Events*
3. Ⓐ *Fact or Opinion*
4. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
5. Ⓐ *Analyze Character*
6. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
7. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
8. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
9. Ⓒ *Fact or Opinion*
10. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but should be similar to the following: *the narrator might have gone into the ocean and been unsafe.*
12. Answers will vary but should be similar to the following: *I think the narrator will remember saving a lot of horseshoe crabs by throwing them back into the ocean.*