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

1. The main purpose of this book is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ to entertain readers with a story about different kinds of rodents
  - Ⓑ to inform readers about land mines
  - Ⓒ to inform readers about HeroRATs
  - Ⓓ to persuade readers to buy a rat
2. What caused Bart Weetjens to believe rats could find land mines?
  - Ⓐ He realized that rats have keen eyesight.
  - Ⓑ He realized that rats have a powerful sense of smell.
  - Ⓒ He realized that rats have great hearing.
  - Ⓓ All of the above
3. Which of the following is not a detail about HeroRATs?
  - Ⓐ They are very small compared to other rats.
  - Ⓑ They like bananas and peanuts.
  - Ⓒ They can walk on a leash.
  - Ⓓ They are too light to set off the land mines.
4. How do the rats alert their human partners to land mines?
  - Ⓐ They twitch their noses.
  - Ⓑ They scratch the ground.
  - Ⓒ They run in circles and squeal.
  - Ⓓ They eat bananas and peanuts.
5. Which of the following is true about HeroRATs?
  - Ⓐ They are harder to train than dogs.
  - Ⓑ They dig up land mines in fields.
  - Ⓒ None have ever been killed by a land mine.
  - Ⓓ They take many years to train.

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6. People who train or control animals are called \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ heroes
  - Ⓑ inspectors
  - Ⓒ rescuers
  - Ⓓ handlers
7. Read this sentence: *The HeroRATs sniff every inch of dirt as they race across fields.* Which word means the same as **sniff**?
  - Ⓐ eat
  - Ⓑ scratch
  - Ⓒ smell
  - Ⓓ test
8. What type of book is *HeroRATs: Rats Who Save Lives*?
  - Ⓐ historical fiction
  - Ⓑ biographical nonfiction
  - Ⓒ realistic fiction
  - Ⓓ informational nonfiction
9. What is the first thing a HeroRAT learns at school?
  - Ⓐ It learns to scratch the ground.
  - Ⓑ It learns how to get special treats.
  - Ⓒ It learns to smell explosives.
  - Ⓓ It learns about the human world.
10. Which detail supports the idea that Castro is a HeroRAT?
  - Ⓐ Castro is an African giant pouched rat.
  - Ⓑ Castro is three feet long.
  - Ⓒ Castro scratches the ground to alert the handler.
  - Ⓓ Castro eats special treats.
11. **Extended Response:** Why are the rats in this book called *heroes*?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## HeroRATs: Rats Who Saves Lives

*Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details*

1. Ⓒ *Author's Purpose*
2. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
3. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
4. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
5. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
6. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
7. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
8. Ⓓ *Identify Genre*
9. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
10. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
11. Answers will vary slightly but should include the idea that these special rats are saving lives by finding the land mines that could hurt other living things.