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

1. Why did the author write *Making Big Bolstead Bucks*?
  - Ⓐ to entertain and inform
  - Ⓑ to inform and persuade
  - Ⓒ to persuade and entertain
  - Ⓓ to entertain only
2. Read this sentence: *There was a high **demand** for candy in the school. Demand* is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ the need or desire for a good or service among people who can pay for it
  - Ⓑ money or property used to start or run a business
  - Ⓒ the amount of something available for sale or use
  - Ⓓ money paid by a borrower for the use of loaned money
3. What did the group do when they discovered they had money left over after purchasing all of their supplies?
  - Ⓐ They decided to make more peppermint patties.
  - Ⓑ They decided to make peppermint patties and paper dolls.
  - Ⓒ They asked Mr. Bolstead what to do.
  - Ⓓ They ordered paper to print the recipe on and plastic bags to put the mints in.
4. Which of the following sentences informs readers?
  - Ⓐ "It's not as good as paper dolls, but if you both agree, I guess I'm overruled," Shelly said.
  - Ⓑ Profit is how much money you make minus your costs.
  - Ⓒ He waited until the class fell quiet before beginning.
  - Ⓓ "Well, I'm the only bank in town. Take it or leave it," Mr. Bolstead replied.

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5. Which of the following definitions tells the meaning of **free market**?
  - Ⓐ the circulation of money in industry, trade, and finance in a county or area
  - Ⓑ money paid by a borrower for the use of loaned money
  - Ⓒ an economic system in which individuals and businesses freely compete for customers
  - Ⓓ an economic system in which the means of production are controlled by companies or individuals rather than the government
6. Which sentence helps readers know that Shelly is a good student?
  - Ⓐ Shelly slumped back down in her seat.
  - Ⓑ Shelly furiously scribbled notes.
  - Ⓒ Shelly groaned and mumbled, "Too much information."
  - Ⓓ "We'll design paper dolls," Shelly said, ignoring Marcus.
7. Which sentence best tells an opinion?
  - Ⓐ If you make something that only costs a few cents but takes four hours to put together, it might not be profitable in the end.
  - Ⓑ In the United States, businesses are owned by private citizens or corporations that compete against one another on the free market for consumers.
  - Ⓒ If a company fails to make enough profit to repay its loans and interest, it will go out of business.
  - Ⓓ "A twenty percent interest rate? That's ridiculous!"
8. How are Marcus and Shelly similar?
  - Ⓐ They both love math.
  - Ⓑ They both don't do their homework.
  - Ⓒ They both love paper dolls.
  - Ⓓ They both worked hard to win the contest.

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9. Does the following sentence inform, persuade, or entertain?  
*The class groaned in unison, and Mr. Bolstead laughed, "You all are just too easy."*

- Ⓐ inform
- Ⓑ persuade
- Ⓒ entertain
- Ⓓ none of the above

10. What caused Leon and Shelly to be anxious on the morning of the contest?

- Ⓐ Marcus was late and had the patties and decorations.
- Ⓑ They hadn't finished making the peppermint patties.
- Ⓒ Mr. Bolstead hadn't given them their Bolstead Bucks.
- Ⓓ Marcus hadn't finished the sign.

11. **Extended Response:** What did you learn about capitalism and how it works?

12. **Extended Response:** Why was it important for the group to consider supply and demand when choosing their product?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## Making Big Bolstead Bucks

Main Comprehension Skill: Author's Purpose

1. Ⓐ *Author's Purpose*
2. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
3. Ⓓ *Problem and Solution*
4. Ⓑ *Author's Purpose*
5. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓑ *Analyze Character*
7. Ⓓ *Fact or Opinion*
8. Ⓓ *Compare and Contrast*
9. Ⓒ *Author's Purpose*
10. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
11. Answers will vary but should include information from the book, such as the following: *explanations and definitions of any or all of the words found in the glossary; demonstrating a clear understanding of capitalism, economy, interest, profit; and so on.*
12. Answers will vary but should include information from the book to support their answer. For example: *They had to make something that people would want to buy and would pay for; if the consumers didn't want to buy what they were selling or if they weren't willing to pay the price they were asking, they wouldn't make any money; and so on.*