

Quick Check

A Place for Wild Things

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

1. What causes Alejandro's mom to consider selling the estancia?
 - Ⓐ They are too sad to stay since Alejandro's father died.
 - Ⓑ Alejandro needs to attend a better school.
 - Ⓒ She wants to move into the city.
 - Ⓓ They are losing money because the land is overgrazed.
2. What conclusion does Alejandro draw after his encounter with the puma?
 - Ⓐ They must tear down the fences of the estancia.
 - Ⓑ They must buy more sheep to increase their flock.
 - Ⓒ They must scare off the pumas so the sheep can roam free.
 - Ⓓ They must move to the city and start a new life.
3. How does Alejandro feel about the idea of selling the estancia?
 - Ⓐ neutral
 - Ⓑ supportive
 - Ⓒ upset
 - Ⓓ excited
4. How are Alejandro and Martín similar?
 - Ⓐ They both are learning the ways of a gaucho.
 - Ⓑ They both love life on the estancia.
 - Ⓒ They both are travelers in search of work.
 - Ⓓ They both have lived on the estancia for a short period of time.

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5. What is a **pasture**?
 - Ⓐ a belief or custom that is passed down from generation to generation
 - Ⓑ a South American plant with six-petaled flowers
 - Ⓒ a South American farm or ranch used for raising livestock
 - Ⓓ a field with grass and other low plants on which animals graze
6. Which of the following happens during the introduction of this story?
 - Ⓐ Alejandro saddled horses, herded sheep, fixed fences, and hauled feed.
 - Ⓑ Señora Ortega received an offer.
 - Ⓒ Mr. Somerset was due to return.
 - Ⓓ Martín set an animal free that was caught in a fence.
7. Which of the following words describes Martín?
 - Ⓐ thoughtful
 - Ⓑ impulsive
 - Ⓒ funny
 - Ⓓ lazy
8. What happens after Alejandro sees the puma?
 - Ⓐ The puma chases Alejandro back to the estancia.
 - Ⓑ The puma tries to attack Alejandro.
 - Ⓒ The puma lays down and sighs, half-closing its eyes.
 - Ⓓ The puma attacks Alejandro's sheep.

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9. Which of the following is part of the rising action of the story?

- Ⓐ Alejandro races back to the estancia to tell his mother his idea.
- Ⓑ Martín asks Alejandro to save a sheep that has wandered away.
- Ⓒ Alejandro discovers that they might have to sell the estancia.
- Ⓓ Martín and Alejandro save a guanaco from the fence.

10. Which of the following means *a belief or custom that is passed down from year to year and generation to generation*?

- Ⓐ tradition
- Ⓑ tourist
- Ⓒ crisis
- Ⓓ resort

11. **Extended Response:** What do you think would happen next in the story if it were to continue?

12. **Extended Response:** What lesson can readers learn from this story? Use details from the text to support your answer.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Analyze Plot

1. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
2. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
3. Ⓒ *Analyze Character*
4. Ⓑ *Compare and Contrast*
5. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓑ *Analyze Plot*
7. Ⓐ *Analyze Character*
8. Ⓒ *Sequence Events*
9. Ⓒ *Analyze Plot*
10. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but should include what the student thinks would happen next in the story on the basis of where the story leaves off.
12. Answers will vary but should include a valid lesson from the story using evidence from the text as support.