

Quick Check

Joe Kittinger: An Unsung Hero

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

1. What was this book mainly about?
 - Ⓐ a famous astronaut
 - Ⓑ how to train to live in space
 - Ⓒ a little-known pioneer of space exploration
 - Ⓓ a future leader in the race to explore deep space
2. What was the purpose of *Project Manhigh*?
 - Ⓐ to test conditions similar to outer space
 - Ⓑ to see how high a person could go without oxygen
 - Ⓒ to find out what type of spacesuit would work best
 - Ⓓ to try out new equipment designed for travel to the moon
3. If a car **accelerates**, it _____.
 - Ⓐ slows down
 - Ⓑ spins out of control
 - Ⓒ increases its speed
 - Ⓓ turns a corner
4. What was the purpose of the pressurized suit Joe wore?
 - Ⓐ It kept him warm.
 - Ⓑ It provided him with oxygen.
 - Ⓒ It helped him float in space.
 - Ⓓ It kept his body from exploding.
5. What happened to Joe after he stepped out of the balloon's gondola at 31,333 meters (102,800 ft)?
 - Ⓐ He fell to Earth.
 - Ⓑ He floated in space.
 - Ⓒ He died from lack of oxygen.
 - Ⓓ He jumped to a waiting airplane.
6. Before Joe joined the U.S. Air Force, he _____.
 - Ⓐ flew his first solo flight
 - Ⓑ built many model airplanes
 - Ⓒ went to college for two years
 - Ⓓ all of the above

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7. **Aeronautics** is _____.
 - Ⓐ a design for high-flying airplanes
 - Ⓑ the study of spaceships
 - Ⓒ a special type of balloon
 - Ⓓ the study of flight
8. Why would Joe have traded flying airplanes for piloting balloons?
 - Ⓐ He could go higher in balloons.
 - Ⓑ He could go faster in balloons.
 - Ⓒ Balloons were safer than airplanes.
 - Ⓓ Airplanes were not as comfortable as balloons.
9. Joe was high enough during *Project Excelsior* that _____.
 - Ⓐ it was extremely cold
 - Ⓑ he couldn't breathe on his own
 - Ⓒ he would have been injured without the correct equipment
 - Ⓓ all of the above
10. From information in this book, you can tell that Joe Kittinger is _____.
 - Ⓐ easily frightened
 - Ⓑ a friendly person
 - Ⓒ unable to commit to a task
 - Ⓓ eager to take on challenges
11. **Extended Response:** Why do some people believe that Joe reached space, but others disagree?
12. **Extended Response:** Why do you think Joe stopped setting records after his 1984 flight?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Sequence Events

1. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
2. Ⓐ Main Idea and Details
3. Ⓒ Vocabulary
4. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
5. Ⓐ Sequence Events
6. Ⓓ Sequence Events
7. Ⓓ Vocabulary
8. Ⓐ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
9. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
10. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
11. Answers will vary somewhat but should include the following:
there is no exact border to space; he did get high enough to experience conditions like those in space; he didn't actually go high enough to reach the "Karman Line," 62 miles above the Earth, which some people consider the border of space.
12. Answers will vary. Example: *I think Joe stopped because he was getting older and he had already set many records.*