Name _____ Date _____

1. Where does the story take place?

   Ⓐ at the mall

   Ⓑ at the park

   Ⓒ at the school

2. Ronald is a boy in the story. Ronald is an example of a _____.

   Ⓐ plot

   Ⓑ character

   Ⓒ setting

3. Which of the following events happens last in the story?

   Ⓐ Joy wins the prize.

   Ⓑ Hector's helicopter crashes.

   Ⓒ Valerie's volcano leaks.

4. Why did the author write this story?

   Ⓐ to teach readers how to do science projects

   Ⓑ to entertain readers with funny stories about science projects

   Ⓒ to persuade readers that volcanoes are the best science projects

5. Which word means *a reward given to a winner?*

   Ⓐ soda volcano

   Ⓑ science fair

   Ⓒ prize

6. **Extended Response:** Have students write about a science fair project they would like to complete. Encourage them to describe how they would feel if their science fair project didn't work.

Instructions: Sit next to the student and read the first question as you run your finger under the words. Ask the student to wait to answer until you have read all the choices. Repeat them if necessary. Have the student choose the best answer. Repeat with the remaining questions.

Main Comprehension Skill: Story Elements

1. Ⓒ *Story Elements*

2. Ⓑ *Story Elements*

3. Ⓐ *Sequence Events*

4. Ⓑ *Author's Purpose*

5. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*

6. Answers will vary. Example:
I would like to see how different types of food grow mold, such as bread and cheese. I think it is cool how some foods last longer than others. I would feel disappointed if my project didn't work.

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