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

1. Which passage from the text helps readers know that Gramps likes to encourage Scotty to be his best?
  - Ⓐ "You sure know your stats," said Gramps. "Who's up next?"
  - Ⓑ "That's right," said Gramps. "He's really something to watch."
  - Ⓒ "Practice makes anyone a better player," said Gramps.
  - Ⓓ "I go to most of the exhibition games here," said Gramps.
2. Read the following sentence:  
*The baseball player hit a **double**.*  
What does **double** mean?
  - Ⓐ a base hit that allows a batter to reach second without being called out
  - Ⓑ a pitch thrown as fast as a pitcher can throw it
  - Ⓒ a flexible tube on which a baseball sits
  - Ⓓ information that is collected, organized, and studied
3. Which passage from the text helps readers know that Scotty was excited to go to spring training camp?
  - Ⓐ "Umm, not yet, Gramps. I want to pitch to one more batter," Scotty said.
  - Ⓑ "Come on, Gramps," he begged. "Let's get going!"
  - Ⓒ "I guess that I hadn't thought about spring training very much," said Scotty.
  - Ⓓ "I'm going to pinch-hit for my pitcher," said Scotty.
4. *Reach your arm high when you throw.* Does this sentence give a problem or a solution?
  - Ⓐ a problem
  - Ⓑ a solution
  - Ⓒ neither a problem nor a solution
  - Ⓓ both a problem and a solution

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5. Which passage from the text helps readers know that Scotty is knowledgeable about baseball players and their batting records?
  - Ⓐ "Here's the pitch," said Scotty. "A fastball low and away."
  - Ⓑ For Scotty, *All-Time All-Stars* was much more fun than playing real baseball.
  - Ⓒ "We could watch Suzuki training?" asked Scotty.
  - Ⓓ "In 2004, he set the Major League Baseball record for most hits in a single season with 262."
6. What happens next, after Gramps offers to drive Scotty over to the Mariners' spring training camp?
  - Ⓐ Scotty keeps playing *All-Time All-Stars*.
  - Ⓑ Scotty meets Cal Ripken Jr.
  - Ⓒ Scotty begs Gramps to get going right away.
  - Ⓓ Scotty gets batting tips from Tony Gwynn.
7. *Cal Ripken Jr. broke Lou Gehrig's sixty-year-old record of playing 2,130 games in a row.* Does this sentence inform, persuade, or entertain readers?
  - Ⓐ inform
  - Ⓑ persuade
  - Ⓒ entertain
  - Ⓓ all of the above
8. Which of the following tells what **statistics** are?
  - Ⓐ sporting events in which results do not count
  - Ⓑ infielders in baseball
  - Ⓒ base hits
  - Ⓓ numerical data that is collected, organized, and studied
9. Which of the following words describes Scotty's character?
  - Ⓐ dishonest
  - Ⓑ self-critical
  - Ⓒ confused
  - Ⓓ untalented

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10. What is the effect of Tony Gwynn paying personal attention to Scotty?

- Ⓐ Scotty plays *All-Time All-Stars* even more.
- Ⓑ Scotty goes to every exhibition game.
- Ⓒ Scotty practices with Gramps the next day.
- Ⓓ Scotty decides to try out for Little League.

11. **Extended Response:** What does this story tell about the importance of people being actively involved in something they like to do?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## Scotty's Spring Training

Main Comprehension Skill: Analyze Character

1. Ⓒ Analyze Character
2. Ⓐ Vocabulary
3. Ⓑ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
4. Ⓑ Problem and Solution
5. Ⓓ Analyze Character
6. Ⓒ Sequence Events
7. Ⓐ Author's Purpose
8. Ⓓ Vocabulary
9. Ⓑ Analyze Character
10. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
11. Answers will vary but should include ideas such as *people could have the opportunity to do fun things and spend time with someone they care about; people could meet new people and learn new things from them; people might have the opportunity to see something happen in real life; people will get more exercise and learn new things about the world around them; people may find that hard work pays off and that playing something like baseball is much more fun in real life.*