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

1. What does the author hope readers can learn from this story?
 - Ⓐ how to get through challenges
 - Ⓑ how to write a story about a girl named Sammy
 - Ⓒ how to write letters to friends
 - Ⓓ how to make new friends in a new school
2. How are Sammy and her grandma alike?
 - Ⓐ They both enjoy writing mystery stories.
 - Ⓑ They both study about famous people.
 - Ⓒ They both like writing poetry.
 - Ⓓ They both have a love for words.
3. What did Sammy do with the basketball at the beginning of the story?
 - Ⓐ She put it in the garbage.
 - Ⓑ She passed it to her grandma.
 - Ⓒ She threw it against the garage.
 - Ⓓ She played a game with her grandpa.
4. Read this sentence from the story: *Once again, Grandma showed me her **wisdom**, and the anger and anxiety were safe inside my journal and almost entirely out of my head. **Wisdom** is _____.*
 - Ⓐ the feeling of worry or nervousness
 - Ⓑ great knowledge, sense, or insight
 - Ⓒ the way in which two or more living things interact
 - Ⓓ the state of being angry or impatient

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5. Why did Sammy yell at her grandma?
 - Ⓐ Sammy was frustrated about having to move away from her friends.
 - Ⓑ Sammy's grandma took away her basketball when she was playing outside.
 - Ⓒ Sammy's grandma wanted Sammy to write mysteries with her.
 - Ⓓ Sammy was upset that her grandma read her journal.
6. Grandma's positive **outlook** and love of quotes are two of her most incredible qualities. What is a synonym for **outlook**?
 - Ⓐ feedback
 - Ⓑ attitude
 - Ⓒ stories
 - Ⓓ routines
7. Why does Grandma tell famous quotes?
 - Ⓐ to pretend she is famous
 - Ⓑ to share good ideas
 - Ⓒ to impress her friends
 - Ⓓ to encourage other people to watch classic movies
8. According to John Wayne, what should you do when you are scared you won't succeed?
 - Ⓐ talk to your family members
 - Ⓑ ride a horse for a while
 - Ⓒ try your best anyhow
 - Ⓓ ask for help from your friends
9. How does Grandma help Sammy solve her problem?
 - Ⓐ She encourages her to go outside and yell.
 - Ⓑ She encourages her to make crafts.
 - Ⓒ She encourages her to write down her feelings.
 - Ⓓ She encourages her to write letters to her friends.

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10. Read this sentence from the book: *Angry tears blurred my vision and my heart sounded like hail on the roof.* With this sentence, what idea does the author wish to convey?

- Ⓐ It was very cold outside.
- Ⓑ The roof needs to be repaired.
- Ⓒ Sammy is upset.
- Ⓓ Sammy needs eyeglasses.

11. **Extended Response:** How does Sammy's dad feel about the move to North Carolina? Use details from the text to support your answer.

12. **Extended Response:** What does Sammy do to show her Grandma she is sorry?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

The Outburst

Main Comprehension Skill: Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions

1. Ⓐ *Author's Purpose*
2. Ⓓ *Compare and Contrast*
3. Ⓒ *Story Elements*
4. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
5. Ⓐ *Analyze Character*
6. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
7. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
8. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
9. Ⓒ *Problem and Solution*
10. Ⓒ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
11. Answers will vary. Example:
Sammy's dad was excited about the move because he looked forward to starting a new job. He "giddily" broke the news to the family about the new job, which means that he was happy about it.
12. Answers should include that, after the outburst, Sammy searches for ways to make up for her horrible behavior. She decides to make a special, personal card for her Grandma. Because her Grandma likes to quote famous people, Sammy finds quotes online about grandmothers to include on the card.