



## Quick Check

## Goliath Beetles: Giant Insects

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

1. What is the main idea of the book?
  - (A) Fossils from three hundred million years ago show evidence of mammoth centipedes.
  - (B) All beetles use their antennae to detect odors and other sensory information in their environment.
  - (C) Goliath beetles are the amazing heavyweight champs of the insect world.
  - (D) The name *Goliath beetle* encompasses six separate but related types of beetles.
2. The chart on page 4 organizes information by \_\_\_\_\_, while the text organizes information by main idea and details.
  - (A) cause and effect
  - (B) comparison
  - (C) problem and solution
  - (D) chronology
3. Which of the following opinions is supported by the fact that Goliath beetles are fast flyers and very difficult to catch?
  - (A) Goliath beetles are as agile as an acrobat.
  - (B) Insect enthusiasts are fascinated by the large and bold beetle.
  - (C) These beetles are the heavyweight champs of the insect world.
  - (D) The Goliath beetle is one amazing insect.
4. Which of the following details supports the main idea of the section "The Scarab Family"?
  - (A) The Hercules beetle is longer than the Goliath beetle.
  - (B) Goliath beetles drink sap and feed on rotting fruit.
  - (C) Male Goliath beetles defend their feeding sites.
  - (D) Goliath beetles belong to the scarab beetle family.

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5. Why did the author write this book?
  - Ⓐ to persuade readers to study insects
  - Ⓑ to inform readers about Goliath beetles
  - Ⓒ to entertain readers with bug stories
  - Ⓓ to inform readers about beetle larvae
  
6. **Extended Response:** What features do Goliath beetles share with other insects? In what ways are they distinct? Use details from the book to guide your comparisons.



1. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓑ *Text Structure*
3. Ⓐ *Fact or Opinion*
4. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
5. Ⓑ *Author's Purpose*
6. Answers will vary, but will compare and contrast the Goliath beetle with others in the insect family. For example, answers can note that Goliath beetles are similar to other insects in that they have wings, legs with joints, three main body parts, and an outside skeleton. Answers can contrast Goliath beetles with other insects by pointing out that Goliath beetles are much heavier than other insects, can unfold their flying wings without moving their wing covers, and don't feed on flowers.