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

1. What is Malik's main problem?
  - Ⓐ He is a good basketball player.
  - Ⓑ His family is losing their house.
  - Ⓒ He has to get food at a food bank.
  - Ⓓ He hates peanut butter and jelly.
2. What causes Malik's family to lose their house?
  - Ⓐ Malik's mom loses her job.
  - Ⓑ Malik's mom cannot afford to pay the bank anymore.
  - Ⓒ The bank wants to foreclose on the house.
  - Ⓓ All of the above
3. Malik's mom says the money they owe the bank for the house is called the \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ promotion
  - Ⓑ mortgage
  - Ⓒ landlord
  - Ⓓ rent
4. How does Malik probably feel after he learns that they are going to have to move out of their house?
  - Ⓐ sad
  - Ⓑ desperate
  - Ⓒ confused
  - Ⓓ all of the above
5. Events and characters that seem real make this story \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ realistic fiction
  - Ⓑ a biography
  - Ⓒ poetry
  - Ⓓ an informational report
6. When referring to lending, what does **interest** mean?
  - Ⓐ how much a house or another expensive item is worth
  - Ⓑ money paid by the borrower for the use of the loaned money
  - Ⓒ rent you pay on a house
  - Ⓓ curiosity about money

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7. What is different in Malik's life after his mom loses her job?
  - Ⓐ Malik's brother cries a lot.
  - Ⓑ Malik's friends don't come over to play.
  - Ⓒ There is a lot less in the house to eat.
  - Ⓓ Malik's grandparents move in.
8. What is another good title for this story?
  - Ⓐ *The Bad Economy*
  - Ⓑ *Basketball Star Malik*
  - Ⓒ *Deal Mart Takes a Dive*
  - Ⓓ *Buying a New Home*
9. Why does Malik lie to his friends outside the food bank?
  - Ⓐ He is angry at them for riding bikes without him.
  - Ⓑ He doesn't like his friends anymore.
  - Ⓒ He is embarrassed that his family needs free food.
  - Ⓓ None of the above
10. Read the following sentences:  
*Too many people bought houses they thought they could afford. Once they lost their jobs, the banks took their houses back from them.* Do these sentences inform, persuade, or entertain readers about foreclosures?
  - Ⓐ inform
  - Ⓑ persuade
  - Ⓒ entertain
  - Ⓓ all of the above
11. **Extended Response:** If you were Malik, what would you do to help your family?
12. **Extended Response:** Do you think it is fair that banks foreclose on people's homes when they can't pay their mortgages? Explain.

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## Malik Had a House

Main Comprehension Skill: Analyze Character

1. Ⓑ Problem and Solution
2. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
3. Ⓑ Vocabulary
4. Ⓓ Analyze Character
5. Ⓐ Identify Genre
6. Ⓑ Vocabulary
7. Ⓒ Compare and Contrast
8. Ⓐ Main Idea and Details
9. Ⓒ Analyze Character
10. Ⓐ Author's Purpose
11. Answers will vary but should include any conclusions drawn from the main character's experience and background knowledge. For example, *Malik could keep up his positive attitude, he could work around his grandparent's neighborhood to earn some extra money, and so on.*
12. Answers will vary but should include reasoning from the examples in the book or from personal experiences and opinions.