

## Quick Check

## The WeatherBot Warning

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

1. Who is the narrator?
  - Ⓐ Missy
  - Ⓑ Zarela's mom
  - Ⓒ Zarela
  - Ⓓ Missy's mom
2. What problem does Zarela have in the story?
  - Ⓐ She needs to make it rain because her city is suffering from drought.
  - Ⓑ She wants to go to the game, but her mom won't let her.
  - Ⓒ She gets into a fight with her best friend, Missy.
  - Ⓓ She accidentally changes the weather with the WeatherBot machine.
3. What does Zarela do after her mom explains the problems the WeatherBot machine creates?
  - Ⓐ She runs back to the basement to try to stop the machine.
  - Ⓑ She hides in the basement during a game with Missy.
  - Ⓒ She watches a football game at her school.
  - Ⓓ She follows the instructions on the clipboard to initiate a rainstorm.
4. Why are the illustrations helpful in this story about a strange machine?
  - Ⓐ They show details about the machine not described in the text.
  - Ⓑ They explain how Zarela's mom created the WeatherBot machine.
  - Ⓒ They demonstrate how to use the machine described in the text.
  - Ⓓ They show all the ways the WeatherBot can change the weather.

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5. Which of the following words with the prefix *un-* means *not balanced or steady*?
  - Ⓐ unhook
  - Ⓑ unstable
  - Ⓒ unload
  - Ⓓ unacceptable
6. What do Zarela and Missy have in common?
  - Ⓐ Both girls find the WeatherBot machine.
  - Ⓑ Both girls have red hair.
  - Ⓒ Both girls hide in the basement.
  - Ⓓ Both girls attend the same school.
7. Which two words best describe Zarela?
  - Ⓐ lazy and selfish
  - Ⓑ angry and cold
  - Ⓒ curious and brave
  - Ⓓ silly and immature
8. What is the effect of attempting to undo previous weather manipulations using the WeatherBot machine?
  - Ⓐ nothing
  - Ⓑ unstable results
  - Ⓒ day changes to night
  - Ⓓ the wrong weather with no problems
9. Read the following sentence: *Zarela's mom was **inexperienced** as a scientist when she made the WeatherBot.* What does the word **inexperienced** mean?
  - Ⓐ marked by a lack of experience or understanding
  - Ⓑ full of worry and concern
  - Ⓒ having knowledge or skill in a special subject
  - Ⓓ making sure to avoid potential danger

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10. Why did the author write this story?
- Ⓐ to entertain readers with a sad story
  - Ⓑ to inform readers about weather phenomenon
  - Ⓒ to persuade readers to study meteorology
  - Ⓓ to entertain readers with a weather-related story
11. **Extended Response:** Explain how the concluding scene of the story resolves the plot and reveals changes in the character. Describe an alternate ending that satisfactorily concludes the story.
12. **Extended Response:** What lesson does the author hope readers will learn, particularly about science, nature, and the weather? Do you agree with these conclusions? Why or why not?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Author's Purpose

1. Ⓒ *Character Point of View*
2. Ⓓ *Problem and Solution*
3. Ⓐ *Sequence Events*
4. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
5. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓓ *Compare and Contrast*
7. Ⓒ *Analyze Character*
8. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
9. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
10. Ⓓ *Author's Purpose*
11. Answers will describe how the conclusion presents the climax and the falling action, as Zarela and her mom deactivate the machine for the climax, walk back to the game and discuss the effects of the WeatherBot machine during the falling action, and resolve the plot with the final paragraph. Answers will also describe how the final scene shows that Zarela learned her lesson about messing with strange machines. Answers will then present an alternate ending to the story, created by the student, which still resolves the plot.
12. Answers will indicate that the author is trying to teach readers that the weather is a force that affects people's lives and should not be tampered with, that nature is a powerful and important factor in our lives, and that science has its limits. Answers should then explain whether the students agree with these conclusions with a justification of their answer.