

## Quick Check

## The Super School Bus System

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

1. Why are buses often better for the environment than cars?
  - Ⓐ All cars have worse gas mileage than buses.
  - Ⓑ Buses have extremely strict laws about emissions.
  - Ⓒ All buses are powered by electricity, so unlike cars, they do not use gas.
  - Ⓓ Buses carry more people and therefore are more fuel-efficient.
2. What is the basic principle of the American public school system?
  - Ⓐ Everybody deserves the opportunity for an education.
  - Ⓑ Students who can't ride the bus must find their own way to school.
  - Ⓒ Everyone is required to go to a public school.
  - Ⓓ Students should be seen and not heard.
3. Which of the following is an example of **commuting**?
  - Ⓐ taking an airplane to get to another country
  - Ⓑ driving to and from work each day
  - Ⓒ riding a train to visit a relative each year for Thanksgiving
  - Ⓓ taking a bus to get to the museum
4. Which of the following is an opinion?
  - Ⓐ The first motorized vehicles that transported students didn't look much like modern buses.
  - Ⓑ Over time, school districts discovered that it was efficient to use a system of horse-drawn wagons.
  - Ⓒ If given the option, every student should ride a school bus to and from school.
  - Ⓓ The American school bus system is enormous for several reasons.

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| <p>5. What do the authors want to most emphasize about school bus safety?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ We can expect to see additional safety upgrades in the school bus system as technology advances.</li> <li>Ⓑ In most states, safety belts are not required on school buses, though a few have passed bus safety-belt laws.</li> <li>Ⓒ School buses have a number of built-in safety features, such as emergency exits.</li> <li>Ⓓ The American public school bus system is the safest transportation for students.</li> </ul> | <p>6. <i>School integration</i> refers to _____.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ a change in the school bus system whereby all students have access to transportation to school</li> <li>Ⓑ the way taxes are used to support and finance the school bus system</li> <li>Ⓒ the process of bringing African American and white students together in schools</li> <li>Ⓓ people who work in the school district who help to run the school bus system</li> </ul> |
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7. Which of the following expresses the authors' desires to persuade and inform readers that running the school bus system is no easy feat?
  - Ⓐ Remarkably, the vehicles, drivers, mechanics, and even the fuel that make the school bus system work are controlled by individual school districts.
  - Ⓑ Individual states sometimes provide school transportation funds that are used for busing.
  - Ⓒ School buses travel on all kinds of roadways, from interstate highways to unpaved rural lanes.
  - Ⓓ Many districts offer bus service to any student who lives more than two miles from school.
8. Why was the yellow color adopted for modern school buses?
  - Ⓐ School districts wanted them to look different from other kinds of buses.
  - Ⓑ Educators and parents wanted them to stand out for safety purposes.
  - Ⓒ Yellow was the cheapest color of paint, and the school districts wanted to save money.
  - Ⓓ Students were given the chance to vote on the color, and they chose yellow.
9. In what year did the Supreme Court make a landmark decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*?
  - Ⓐ 1954
  - Ⓑ 2016
  - Ⓒ 1994
  - Ⓓ 1973

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10. Segregation is \_\_\_\_\_.

- Ⓐ the process that allows all races to have equal access to all parts of society
- Ⓑ a law that was put into place to ensure that every student is able to get to school
- Ⓒ the act of being kept apart based on differences such as race
- Ⓓ a basic value or ideal that guides an action or decision

11. **Extended Response:** In what ways does running the school bus system take a small army of people?

12. **Extended Response:** Why did the author title this book *The Super School Bus System*?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Author's Purpose

1. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
2. Ⓐ Main Idea and Details
3. Ⓑ Vocabulary
4. Ⓒ Fact or Opinion
5. Ⓓ Author's Purpose
6. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
7. Ⓐ Author's Purpose
8. Ⓑ Cause and Effect
9. Ⓐ Sequence Events
10. Ⓒ Vocabulary
11. Answers will vary, but students should note the following: *Busing students to school requires the efforts of many people, including the bus drivers, mechanics, and school transportation coordinators. Because the school bus system is so incredibly large, many people must be involved in its success.*
12. Answers will vary, but students should note that the title *The Super School Bus System* points to the fact that the author is impressed by the size, the history, the necessity, and the complexity of the American school bus system.