

## Quick Check

## Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox

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

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| <p>1. What is the author's purpose?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ to inform</li> <li>Ⓑ to entertain</li> <li>Ⓒ to persuade</li> <li>Ⓓ to explain a process</li> </ul> <p>2. Read this sentence: <i>Paul Bunyan was a giant <b>lumberjack</b>.</i> What does <b>lumberjack</b> mean?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ to raise lumber up off the ground</li> <li>Ⓑ a person who cuts down trees</li> <li>Ⓒ a professional ox handler</li> <li>Ⓓ a person who lives in giant trees</li> </ul> | <p>3. What sentence shows that this story is a fantasy?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ Paul got a job at a logging camp.</li> <li>Ⓑ Farmers needed wild land cleared so they could grow crops.</li> <li>Ⓒ Men strapped slabs of bacon onto their boots and skated around on the griddle.</li> <li>Ⓓ For weeks at a time, the sawmills downriver were waiting for logs that never came.</li> </ul> <p>4. Why was Babe blue?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ He turned blue in the cold.</li> <li>Ⓑ He was born blue.</li> <li>Ⓒ Paul painted Babe blue.</li> <li>Ⓓ None of the above</li> </ul> |
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5. What did Paul Bunyan do that could really happen?
  - Ⓐ He dug the Great Lakes.
  - Ⓑ He and Babe straightened a twisty river.
  - Ⓒ He worked in the Alaskan wilderness.
  - Ⓓ He picked his teeth with a pine tree.
6. Read this sentence: *Ole **forged** a giant chain.* **Forged** means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ bought
  - Ⓑ put together
  - Ⓒ dragged to a place
  - Ⓓ heated and hammered into shape
7. Where was Paul born?
  - Ⓐ the Wild West
  - Ⓑ Florida
  - Ⓒ Maine
  - Ⓓ Alaska
8. When did Paul Bunyan and Babe go to Alaska?
  - Ⓐ before they straightened the river
  - Ⓑ after they brought the giant griddle to camp
  - Ⓒ after they built the big city
  - Ⓓ before Paul left home
9. Why did Paul decide to become a lumberjack?
  - Ⓐ His parents trained him as a lumberjack.
  - Ⓑ Paul disliked trees.
  - Ⓒ Lumberjacks made lots of money.
  - Ⓓ Being a lumberjack was Paul's dream.
10. Which of the following is an opinion?
  - Ⓐ Babe was a blue ox.
  - Ⓑ Babe looked really silly.
  - Ⓒ Babe was very strong.
  - Ⓓ Babe was Paul's faithful companion.
11. **Extended Response:** What fantastic, unbelievable things might Paul Bunyan and Babe do in Alaska? Describe at least one.

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

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*Main Comprehension Skill: Reality and Fantasy*

1. Ⓑ *Author's Purpose*
2. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
3. Ⓒ *Reality and Fantasy*
4. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
5. Ⓒ *Reality and Fantasy*
6. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
7. Ⓒ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
8. Ⓑ *Sequence Events*
9. Ⓓ *Analyze Character*
10. Ⓑ *Fact or Opinion*
11. Answers will vary but should include exaggerated elements.