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

1. What was the effect of Ichiro's hard work in high school?
 - Ⓐ Blue Wave chose him to be on the team.
 - Ⓑ Ichiro joined the Boston Red Sox.
 - Ⓒ Ichiro woke up at 3:00 a.m. to do his chores.
 - Ⓓ Ichiro's father asked him to be a baseball player.
2. What personality traits helped Ichiro to be successful?
 - Ⓐ He was strong and became a very fast runner.
 - Ⓑ He was hard working and didn't give up his dream.
 - Ⓒ He gave up easily and felt sorry for himself.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
3. Ichiro had the most hits in a single **season**, which is _____.
 - Ⓐ a measurement of an achievement
 - Ⓑ an island nation east of China
 - Ⓒ a person who is playing his or her first year
 - Ⓓ a certain time of the year when something usually happens
4. Which sentence helps readers know that Ichiro's father was proud of him?
 - Ⓐ His father made his right-handed son bat from the left side of the plate.
 - Ⓑ Ichiro played in seven straight all-star games.
 - Ⓒ Ichiro was so popular that his father built him a museum.
 - Ⓓ He led the American League in hits.

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5. What was the effect of Ichiro's record-breaking hit?
 - Ⓐ George Sisler's daughter congratulated him.
 - Ⓑ Ichiro was traded to the New York Yankees.
 - Ⓒ Ichiro was invited to play on the Blue Wave team.
 - Ⓓ Ichiro won the American League Rookie of the Year Award.
6. Which sentence is an opinion?
 - Ⓐ Ichiro Suzuki won ten Gold Gloves for great defensive play.
 - Ⓑ Ichiro won the most important awards of any kind playing baseball.
 - Ⓒ Ichiro was traded to the New York Yankees.
 - Ⓓ Ichiro wanted to play in the United States.
7. What happened after Ichiro joined the Seattle Mariners?
 - Ⓐ Ichiro's dad built a museum.
 - Ⓑ Ichiro joined the Blue Wave team.
 - Ⓒ Ichiro was traded to the New York Yankees.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
8. Which of the following tells the meaning of a **record**?
 - Ⓐ a certain time of the year when something usually happens
 - Ⓑ a person who is playing his or her first year in a sports league
 - Ⓒ a contest to decide a winner
 - Ⓓ a measurement of an achievement

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9. Which of the following sentences tells a supporting detail to this main idea *Ichiro is one of the top players in baseball.*

- Ⓐ Ichiro means “first boy” in Japanese.
- Ⓑ Ichiro won many awards.
- Ⓒ Ichiro joined the Seattle Mariners.
- Ⓓ Ichiro loved playing in Japan.

10. What caused an 84-year-old baseball record to be broken?

- Ⓐ Ichiro made his 258th hit.
- Ⓑ Ichiro had a .350 batting average.
- Ⓒ Ichiro scored 127 runs.
- Ⓓ Ichiro stole 56 bases.

11. **Extended Response:** How can readers describe Ichiro Suzuki? Cite evidence from the book to support your answer.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Ichiro Suzuki

Main Comprehension Skill: Cause and Effect

1. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
2. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
3. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
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5. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
6. Ⓑ *Fact or Opinion*
7. Ⓒ *Sequence Events*
8. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
9. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
10. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
11. Answers will vary but could include such characteristics as *works hard* and *talented*. Students should support these characteristics with evidence from the text.