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

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| <p>1. What problem regarding the estancia is introduced in the rising action?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ The estancia just started doing poorly the previous week.</li> <li>Ⓑ The estancia is overrun with many tourists and travelers.</li> <li>Ⓒ The estancia is struggling to make money.</li> <li>Ⓓ The estancia is losing favor with local cowboys.</li> </ul> <p>2. What conclusion can readers draw about life on the estancia?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ Life on the estancia is fun and easy.</li> <li>Ⓑ Life on the estancia takes hard work and commitment.</li> <li>Ⓒ Life on the estancia is like staying at a resort.</li> <li>Ⓓ Life on the estancia is very profitable and earns a lot of money.</li> </ul> | <p>3. How does Martín feel about the idea of selling the estancia?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ neutral</li> <li>Ⓑ supportive</li> <li>Ⓒ relieved</li> <li>Ⓓ upset</li> </ul> <p>4. What would be the benefit of not having fences on the estancia?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ There would be more land for the animals to graze on.</li> <li>Ⓑ There would be more wildlife to catch and sell.</li> <li>Ⓒ There would be fewer predators trying to get into the estancia.</li> <li>Ⓓ There would be fewer pumas since the sheep would scare them away.</li> </ul> |
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5. What is a **tradition**?

- Ⓐ a belief or custom that is passed down from generation to generation
- Ⓑ a South American plant with six-petaled flowers
- Ⓒ a South American farm or ranch used for raising livestock
- Ⓓ a field with grass and other low plants on which animals graze

6. How are Alejandro and Martín similar?

- Ⓐ They both are learning the ways of a gaucho.
- Ⓑ They both have lived on the estancia for a short period of time.
- Ⓒ They both love life on the estancia and don't want to sell it.
- Ⓓ They both are travelers in search of work.

7. Which of the following words best describes Alejandro?

- Ⓐ funny
- Ⓑ caring
- Ⓒ angry
- Ⓓ whiny

8. What happens after Alejandro sees the puma?

- Ⓐ He leaves the sheep behind to save himself.
- Ⓑ He realizes the estancia needs fences to keep pumas out.
- Ⓒ He runs home and tells his mom they should move.
- Ⓓ He rushes home to talk to Martín about returning to the old ways.

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9. Which of the following happens during the introduction of the story?
  - Ⓐ Alejandro saddled horses, herded sheep, fixed fences, and hauled feed.
  - Ⓑ Señora Ortega received an offer.
  - Ⓒ Mr. Somerset was due to return.
  - Ⓓ Martín set an animal free that was caught in a fence.
10. Which of the following means *damaged by allowing animals to feed too long in one area*?
  - Ⓐ undergrazed
  - Ⓑ overgrazed
  - Ⓒ graceful
  - Ⓓ gaucho
11. **Extended Response:** What do you think will happen when Alejandro shares his idea with his mother and Martín?
12. **Extended Response:** What lesson does the author want readers to learn from this story? Use details from the text to support your answer.

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## A Place for Wild Things

Main Comprehension Skill: Analyze Plot

1. Ⓒ *Analyze Plot*
2. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
3. Ⓓ *Analyze Character*
4. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
5. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓒ *Compare and Contrast*
7. Ⓑ *Analyze Character*
8. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
9. Ⓑ *Analyze Plot*
10. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but should include what the student thinks will happen when Alejandro shares his idea with his mother and Martín.
12. Answers will vary but should include a valid lesson from the story using evidence from the text as support.