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

1. What is a Nor'easter?
  - Ⓐ a holiday event that happens during spring
  - Ⓑ a screaming sound
  - Ⓒ a strong, destructive storm
  - Ⓓ a safe place to go during a storm
2. On the basis of the details in the story, what season is it?
  - Ⓐ winter
  - Ⓑ spring
  - Ⓒ summer
  - Ⓓ fall
3. The author included the detail that the trip from Boston to Cape Cod that usually took two hours instead took six hours to support what idea?
  - Ⓐ Uncle Bob and his wife had a long way to travel.
  - Ⓑ The storm was strong and causing many problems.
  - Ⓒ Traffic was busy because many people were traveling for the holiday.
  - Ⓓ Kevin's father was driving very slowly.
4. What word best describes Kevin's grandma?
  - Ⓐ creative
  - Ⓑ entertaining
  - Ⓒ insensitive
  - Ⓓ unfriendly

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5. Read this sentence from the story: *The wind suddenly gusted against the house, pounding like an **enormous** fist on all the windows.* What is another word for **enormous**?
  - Ⓐ slippery
  - Ⓑ frightening
  - Ⓒ huge
  - Ⓓ freezing
6. When Grandma heard the screaming sound, why did she go to the kitchen?
  - Ⓐ to peer out of the window
  - Ⓑ to check on her pie
  - Ⓒ to protect herself from the storm
  - Ⓓ to serve dinner to her guests
7. Kevin's dad and mom left him at Grandma's house so Kevin would be \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ entertained
  - Ⓑ fearless
  - Ⓒ warm
  - Ⓓ safe
8. What evidence from the text hints that Kevin did not want to stay alone at Grandma's house?
  - Ⓐ His father said, "You stay here, Kevin."
  - Ⓑ Kevin groaned.
  - Ⓒ The tow truck would not arrive for at least an hour.
  - Ⓓ Uncle Bob was bringing his new wife.
9. Read this sentence from the story: *"Not a good night for people to be out," she murmured, almost to herself.* Which word in the sentence reflects an opinion?
  - Ⓐ people
  - Ⓑ good
  - Ⓒ murmured
  - Ⓓ herself
10. At the end of the story, how did Kevin feel when he saw headlights in the driveway?
  - Ⓐ curious
  - Ⓑ disappointed
  - Ⓒ relieved
  - Ⓓ fearful

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**11. Extended Response:** Why did Grandma tell Kevin the story about her neighbors?

**12. Extended Response:** Why did Grandma's father take the family to the attic?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## The Nor'easter

Main Comprehension Skill: Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions

1. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
3. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
4. Ⓒ *Analyze Character*
5. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
7. Ⓓ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
8. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
9. Ⓑ *Fact or Opinion*
10. Ⓒ *Analyze Character*
11. Answers will vary. Example:  
*Grandma told Kevin the story about the neighbors' house because it was a true story about events that happened in her youth, and she wanted Kevin to understand the severity of Nor'easters.*
12. Answers will vary. Example:  
*Grandma's father took the family to the attic because the attic is the highest place inside the house. He thought they would be safe there from the rising water.*