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

1. Based on the theme of the story, which of the following would be a good alternative title for this story?
 - Ⓐ *Best Friends for Life*
 - Ⓑ *How to Throw a Boomerang*
 - Ⓒ *A Way of Coming Back*
 - Ⓓ *The Beautiful White Dove*
2. Who is Elsie?
 - Ⓐ a new neighbor
 - Ⓑ a friend from Australia
 - Ⓒ a pet bird
 - Ⓓ a classmate
3. What happened in the story that made Jess feel desperate?
 - Ⓐ He could not sleep.
 - Ⓑ He could not find the bird.
 - Ⓒ He had trouble making friends.
 - Ⓓ He could not throw the boomerang.
4. The figurative phrase *like a needle in a haystack* is used to describe something that is _____.
 - Ⓐ sharp
 - Ⓑ unnecessary
 - Ⓒ found on a farm
 - Ⓓ hard to find
5. Why does the author mention the location of Balboa Island?
 - Ⓐ to let readers know M'Gwump will go on vacation
 - Ⓑ to let readers know where Mitts lives
 - Ⓒ to let readers know that Jess recently moved
 - Ⓓ to let readers know where to find the best boomerang

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6. Read this sentence from the story: *Jess tried to think of a way out of the **dilemma**.* Which of the following best tells the meaning of **dilemma** as it is used in the sentence?
 - Ⓐ situation
 - Ⓑ location
 - Ⓒ problem
 - Ⓓ confusion
7. How did Mitts react when Jess explained that the stick was really a boomerang?
 - Ⓐ He was angry.
 - Ⓑ He was disappointed.
 - Ⓒ He was embarrassed.
 - Ⓓ He was curious.
8. How does M'Gwump influence the events in the story?
 - Ⓐ He does everything for Jess.
 - Ⓑ He is the one who hides Elsie.
 - Ⓒ He continues to teach and encourage Jess.
 - Ⓓ He gets Jess to agree to move to Australia.
9. According to the speaker, how are a mule and a boomerang alike?
 - Ⓐ They never do what you want.
 - Ⓑ They always come back.
 - Ⓒ They are loyal to their owners.
 - Ⓓ They are used for recreation at the park.
10. Why was Jess's interaction with Mitts a significant point in the story?
 - Ⓐ Jess was able to tell Mitts something he's been wanting to say for a long time.
 - Ⓑ Jess threw the boomerang successfully for the first time and then they became friends.
 - Ⓒ Mitts found Elsie and from that moment Jess was much happier.
 - Ⓓ Mitts was there to help Jess after he got hurt and then they became friends.

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11. Extended Response: Did Jess want to make friends with Mitts? Use text evidence to support your answer.

12. Extended Response: What might Mitts encourage students at Jess's new school to do?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Many Happy Returns

Main Comprehension Skill: Analyze Plot

1. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
2. Ⓒ Story Elements
3. Ⓑ Analyze Plot
4. Ⓓ Vocabulary
5. Ⓒ Author's Purpose
6. Ⓒ Vocabulary
7. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
8. Ⓒ Analyze Plot
9. Ⓐ Compare and Contrast
10. Ⓑ Analyze Plot
11. Answers will vary. Example: Yes, *Jess wanted to be Mitts's friend. Jess told Mitts that he showed only his friends how to throw the boomerang. He hoped Mitts would accept his offer by agreeing to two things: to learn to throw the boomerang and to be his friend.*
12. Answers will vary. Example: *Likely, Mitts will tell Jess's classmates that Jess is cool. Mitts will encourage the other students to get to know Jess because he knows how to throw a boomerang.*