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

1. What is the main idea of this book?
  - Ⓐ April Fools' Day has a long history of people playing safe and fun practical jokes.
  - Ⓑ April Fools' Day is celebrated at the beginning of the year.
  - Ⓒ April Fools' Day was originally invented so kids could play jokes on people.
  - Ⓓ April Fools' Day is celebrated only in America.
2. Which detail supports the main idea?
  - Ⓐ April Fools' Day is celebrated on or around the first day of January.
  - Ⓑ People around the world celebrate April Fools' Day the same way.
  - Ⓒ One popular prank includes switching sugar for salt.
  - Ⓓ The media never try to fool people on April 1.
3. Which of the following words means *having or showing a lack of experience or judgment*?
  - Ⓐ hoax
  - Ⓑ media
  - Ⓒ spoof
  - Ⓓ naïve
4. How does the author feel about celebrating April Fools' Day?
  - Ⓐ She believes it should be a day of enjoyment where no one works or goes to school.
  - Ⓑ She believes it should be celebrated only in America.
  - Ⓒ She believes it is a great day to play a joke on a friend, as long as the pranks are lighthearted and harmless.
  - Ⓓ She believes it is old-fashioned and should no longer be celebrated.

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5. How do people celebrate April Fools' Day in France?
  - Ⓐ People send a friend on a foolish errand.
  - Ⓑ People tape a paper fish to a friend's back.
  - Ⓒ People tell others that class has been canceled.
  - Ⓓ People put oil on doorknobs.
6. What is the author's purpose for writing this book?
  - Ⓐ to answer a question about common pranks
  - Ⓑ to describe the ways only Americans celebrate April Fools' Day
  - Ⓒ to explain the history of April Fools' Day and the rules for pranks
  - Ⓓ to inform the reader of the best April Fools' Day prank ever pulled
7. The author includes details about spaghetti trees to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ explain one example of a safe and fun prank from the past
  - Ⓑ describe one way Americans celebrate April Fools' Day
  - Ⓒ answer a question about pranks involving food
  - Ⓓ inform the reader of where one may get a spaghetti tree
8. Why is April 1 called *April Fish* in France?
  - Ⓐ because the fish is the national animal of France
  - Ⓑ because everyone eats fish for dinner
  - Ⓒ because a fish is a person who is easily fooled
  - Ⓓ because the French go fishing on April 1st

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9. Why did people in medieval Europe dress in disguise as part of their April Fools' Day celebrations?
- Ⓐ It was a chance for them to poke fun at leaders.
  - Ⓑ It honored the return to the longer days of spring after a dark winter.
  - Ⓒ It was a way to celebrate the beginning of the new year.
  - Ⓓ It helped keep madness away since, at the time, insanity was thought to be contagious.

10. The word **traditional** means \_\_\_\_\_.

- Ⓐ something meant to mislead or trick
- Ⓑ of or relating to a long-established custom
- Ⓒ a hoax or joke played on someone
- Ⓓ tricks or practical jokes

11. **Extended Response:** Compare and contrast the ways that April Fools' Day is celebrated in Scotland and France.

12. **Extended Response:** Read the following sentences: *On Sizdah Bedar, families and friends share picnics, pranks, and fun. It might just be the oldest-known joke day in history.* Are these sentences fact or opinion? Explain.

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## April Fools' Day

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓐ Main Idea and Details
2. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
3. Ⓓ Vocabulary
4. Ⓒ Author's Point of View
5. Ⓑ Main Idea and Details
6. Ⓒ Author's Purpose
7. Ⓐ Author's Purpose
8. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
9. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
10. Ⓑ Vocabulary
11. Answers will vary, but should clearly explain the following:  
*The two celebrations are similar because in both tricks are played on people. They are different because in Scotland, people are sent on a foolish errand, but in France, people tape a paper fish to a victim's back. In Scotland, the pranks can last two days, but in France, the pranks happen on only one day.*
12. Answers will vary, but should identify that the sentences are facts since they contain historical information that can be proven.