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

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| <p>1. Why did Virginia think her house was haunted?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ She had seen a ghost.</li> <li>Ⓑ Caleb had told her it was.</li> <li>Ⓒ There was a black cat living there.</li> <li>Ⓓ She had heard noises in the attic.</li> </ul> <p>2. What was the main problem in this story?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ Virginia wanted a new cornhusk doll.</li> <li>Ⓑ Virginia was trying to help former slaves escape.</li> <li>Ⓒ Virginia wanted to know why odd things were happening.</li> <li>Ⓓ Virginia was trying to help her family find enough food for winter.</li> </ul> | <p>3. Virginia asked, "Do ghosts eat?" because _____.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ she was hungry</li> <li>Ⓑ there was food missing in their house</li> <li>Ⓒ she had found empty jars in the attic</li> <li>Ⓓ all of the above</li> </ul> <p>4. Read this sentence: <i>Virginia whispered <b>urgently</b> to her mother about the attic noises.</i> What does <b>urgently</b> mean?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ⓐ slowly and quietly</li> <li>Ⓑ with great happiness</li> <li>Ⓒ wanting a quick answer</li> <li>Ⓓ with a feeling of sadness</li> </ul> |
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5. Why did Virginia's father say her mother was singing a lullaby when Virginia ran into her parents' bedroom one night?
  - Ⓐ He wanted Virginia to calm down and go back to bed.
  - Ⓑ He wanted to explain to Virginia why she heard singing.
  - Ⓒ He wanted to cover up for the voice Virginia heard.
  - Ⓓ All of the above
6. What are **fugitives**?
  - Ⓐ plans to help another person
  - Ⓑ people who are running and hiding from the law
  - Ⓒ ghosts who lived in houses long ago
  - Ⓓ slaves who were living in the United States in the 1830s
7. Why was the Underground Railroad created?
  - Ⓐ to ship products to Canada
  - Ⓑ to bring new people to the United States
  - Ⓒ to help slaves escape to freedom
  - Ⓓ to help stationmasters sell tickets
8. Several times the story said, "Virginia noticed a shared glance between her parents." What does this tell someone reading the story?
  - Ⓐ They were hiding something from Virginia.
  - Ⓑ They wanted Virginia to look at them.
  - Ⓒ It didn't have any special meaning.
  - Ⓓ They liked looking at each other.

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9. Virginia was \_\_\_\_\_ to help out the former slaves.
  - Ⓐ scared
  - Ⓑ happy
  - Ⓒ worried
  - Ⓓ unwilling
10. Virginia left the cornhusk doll on the attic steps \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ hoping to see who owned it
  - Ⓑ so she could play with it later
  - Ⓒ to remind her mother to put it away
  - Ⓓ all of the above
11. **Extended Response:** Explain why people who were slaves in the United States were going to Canada.
12. **Extended Response:** What would you have done had you found out your house was a station on the Underground Railroad?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## Ghosts in the House

Main Comprehension Skill: Make Inferences

1. Ⓓ *Analyze Character*
2. Ⓒ *Problem and Solution*
3. Ⓑ *Make Inferences*
4. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
5. Ⓓ *Make Inferences*
6. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
7. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
8. Ⓐ *Make Inferences*
9. Ⓑ *Analyze Character*
10. Ⓐ *Make Inferences*
11. Answers will vary but should include the following: *if the slaves could reach Canada, they would be freed and no longer be slaves.*
12. Answers will vary. Example:  
*I would have wanted my parents to tell me what that meant, and then I would have tried to help the slaves who came to my house by taking them food and giving them some of my clothes.*