

## Quick Check

## Mike Van Zee: Special Olympian

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

1. Why did Mrs. Shriver start Special Olympics?
  - Ⓐ She wanted Mike to win.
  - Ⓑ She knew many people who were winners.
  - Ⓒ She thought all kids should have a chance to win.
  - Ⓓ She didn't think the people who won in the Olympics should have won.
2. How did Mike Van Zee feel about himself at the beginning of this book?
  - Ⓐ eager and proud
  - Ⓑ weak and unsure
  - Ⓒ brave and capable
  - Ⓓ friendly and strong
3. What is **determination**?
  - Ⓐ an attitude of being willing to work hard for something
  - Ⓑ the idea of understanding directions
  - Ⓒ an attitude of being scared and weak
  - Ⓓ the idea of promising to compete
4. Which of the following is an opinion expressed by the author?
  - Ⓐ Mike entered the Special Olympics program.
  - Ⓑ Mike was a pleasure to be around.
  - Ⓒ The first official Special Olympics took place in Chicago, Illinois.
  - Ⓓ Now, more than 2 million people compete in the Special Olympics Games.
5. Why did Coach Pat want Mike to lift weights?
  - Ⓐ to be stronger and run faster
  - Ⓑ to be able to go back to school
  - Ⓒ to be able to tease the other kids
  - Ⓓ all of the above

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6. How did the people who competed in Camp Shriver probably feel when the Special Olympics were announced?
  - Ⓐ scared and upset
  - Ⓑ eager and excited
  - Ⓒ sad and depressed
  - Ⓓ worried and anxious
7. Why was Mike Van Zee not teased after he competed in Special Olympics?
  - Ⓐ He beat the kids who teased him.
  - Ⓑ He was stronger and more self-confident.
  - Ⓒ He won many trophies at Special Olympics.
  - Ⓓ His parents talked to the children who teased him.
8. Why did the author write this book?
  - Ⓐ to explain how someone weak can improve
  - Ⓑ to explain what Special Olympics is
  - Ⓒ to tell the story of Mike Van Zee
  - Ⓓ all of the above
9. Which of the following is the oath repeated by each person at Special Olympics?
  - Ⓐ I will try to win for my team. If I lose, I will be sad.
  - Ⓑ Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.
  - Ⓒ I might win, and if I do, I will be proud and tell everyone about how I won.
  - Ⓓ I have worked hard to get here, and I want to win. I also will help others to win.
10. An **opportunity** is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ a chance to do something worthwhile
  - Ⓑ a desire to compete and beat others
  - Ⓒ the ability to compete in an event
  - Ⓓ the ability to believe you can win

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**11. Extended Response:** Explain why Coach Pat and Mike got along so well.

**12. Extended Response:** What did Mike Van Zee gain from participating in the Special Olympics? Support your answer with details from the text.

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Author's Purpose

1. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
2. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
3. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
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7. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
8. Ⓓ *Author's Purpose*
9. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
10. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary somewhat but should include the idea that Coach Pat found that Mike wanted to work hard and improve.
12. Answers will vary but should include: *he did not get bullied or teased; he felt a sense of accomplishment; he gained confidence.*