

## Quick Check

## Grandpa Smoke Jumper

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

1. What did Andy find of interest in Grandpa's library?
  - Ⓐ records
  - Ⓑ a picture
  - Ⓒ a sewing machine
  - Ⓓ all of the above
2. What does **diminishing** mean?
  - Ⓐ settling down
  - Ⓑ shrinking
  - Ⓒ leaving quickly
  - Ⓓ returning
3. Whose point of view is this story told from?
  - Ⓐ Mom
  - Ⓑ Dad
  - Ⓒ Andy
  - Ⓓ Karen
4. As Andy walks around his grandparents' house, he finds things that make him think his grandparents are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ dying
  - Ⓑ exciting
  - Ⓒ resourceful
  - Ⓓ old-fashioned
5. Who looks for fires and decides where the jumpers will go?
  - Ⓐ finder
  - Ⓑ jumper
  - Ⓒ spotter
  - Ⓓ lookout
6. How had Grandpa shown he was fit for the job of a smoke jumper?
  - Ⓐ He did forty-five sit-ups.
  - Ⓑ He did twenty-five push-ups.
  - Ⓒ He packed one hundred pounds of gear three miles.
  - Ⓓ All of the above
7. Why had Grandpa succeeded in saving the town?
  - Ⓐ Rain came and doused the fire.
  - Ⓑ The fire had burned out in time.
  - Ⓒ The backfire had been effective.
  - Ⓓ All of the above

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**8. Igniting** means \_\_\_\_\_.

- Ⓐ roaring
- Ⓑ climbing upwards
- Ⓒ catching fire
- Ⓓ breathing

**9. Why** had it been so hard for Grandpa to breathe during the fire?

- Ⓐ The air was so hot.
- Ⓑ The air was full of smoke.
- Ⓒ The fire was using up the oxygen.
- Ⓓ All of the above

**10. Why** was Grandma in the picture of the smoke jumpers?

- Ⓐ She was the cook at the camp.
- Ⓑ She was the pilot of the plane.
- Ⓒ She just happened to be there.
- Ⓓ She was writing a story about them.

**11. Extended Response:** Explain why forest fires are actually good for forest land every once in awhile.

**12. Extended Response:** What do you think the author's purpose was in writing this story?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Analyze Character

1. Ⓑ *Story Elements*
2. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
3. Ⓒ *Character Point of View*
4. Ⓓ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
5. Ⓒ *Story Elements*
6. Ⓓ *Story Elements*
7. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
8. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
9. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
10. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
11. Answers will vary, but should include the following: *a forest fire clears out the dead and dry forest material, preventing worse fires, and new plants grow well in the fire's ashes.*
12. Answers will vary but possibilities include the following: *to explain to readers how dangerous and exciting a forest firefighter's job is and how physically fit they need to be, to entertain readers with an exciting story, to show how much young people can learn if they listen to older people tell about the events in their lives.*