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

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Why did Mark buy a cup of cider from Mia?<br/>             (A) He really likes cider.<br/>             (B) He wanted to talk to her.<br/>             (C) He had some extra money.<br/>             (D) He wanted her to feel better.</li> <li>2. Why did Anna not go to her soccer game?<br/>             (A) She had broken her leg.<br/>             (B) She didn't do her homework.<br/>             (C) She wanted to go to her friend's house.<br/>             (D) All of the above</li> <li>3. Why did Rosaria teach her sister how to play some chords on the guitar?<br/>             (A) She felt sorry that her sister had a broken leg.<br/>             (B) She wanted to do something to make her sister happy.<br/>             (C) She thought it would be good for her sister to have something to do.<br/>             (D) All of the above</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Why did the woman who owned the kitten give Duane a tip?<br/>             (A) She was grateful for his help.<br/>             (B) She thought he was hungry.<br/>             (C) He asked her for it.<br/>             (D) She knew he needed the money.</li> <li>5. What does <b>annoyed</b> mean?<br/>             (A) pleased<br/>             (B) irritated<br/>             (C) depressed<br/>             (D) confused</li> <li>6. How did Anna's coach probably feel when he read her letter?<br/>             (A) surprised and pleased<br/>             (B) worried and anxious<br/>             (C) upset and angry<br/>             (D) sad and gloomy</li> </ol> |
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7. What did Coach Jake teach Mark at the end of the story?
  - Ⓐ that he should always get his grandma a blanket
  - Ⓑ what it means to SPRAK and why it's a good thing
  - Ⓒ why some teams win and some don't
  - Ⓓ that he should kick the ball harder
8. Why did the author write this story?
  - Ⓐ to tell the audience about friendship
  - Ⓑ to explain about spreading random acts of kindness
  - Ⓒ to persuade others to play soccer
  - Ⓓ to explain how to make apple cider
9. What did all the characters in the story have in common?
  - Ⓐ they all played soccer
  - Ⓑ they all owned cats
  - Ⓒ they all spread random acts of kindness
  - Ⓓ they all went to the same school
10. If you are **engrossed** in something, you are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ not going to get involved
  - Ⓑ afraid
  - Ⓒ very interested
  - Ⓓ wondering what to do
11. **Extended Response:** What lesson does the author hope the reader learns from the story?
12. **Extended Response:** What do you think would happen if more people began to SPRAK?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## SPRAK!

*Main Comprehension Skill: Cause and Effect*

1. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
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3. Ⓓ *Cause and Effect*
4. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
5. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
7. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓑ *Author's Purpose*
9. Ⓒ *Cause and Effect*
10. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but should include that SPRAK means spreading random acts of kindness and that helping others makes them happy and you feel good.
12. Answers will vary somewhat but likely will include the idea that random acts of kindness might encourage more people to help others.