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

1. The author wrote this book to _____.
 - Ⓐ entertain the reader with funny facts about tarantulas
 - Ⓑ persuade the reader to keep a tarantula for a pet
 - Ⓒ inform the reader about tarantulas
 - Ⓓ none of the above
2. The author includes photos in the book to show _____.
 - Ⓐ different types of tarantulas
 - Ⓑ how tarantulas eat
 - Ⓒ tarantulas' body parts
 - Ⓓ all of the above
3. When a tarantula's skin gets too tight, _____.
 - Ⓐ it splits, and the spider pushes out of it
 - Ⓑ the spider dies
 - Ⓒ it splits, and the new skin stays soft
 - Ⓓ it gets eaten by other spiders
4. Tarantulas live in _____.
 - Ⓐ deserts
 - Ⓑ forests
 - Ⓒ warm places
 - Ⓓ all of the above
5. What does a tarantula do first when hunting prey?
 - Ⓐ It drags the prey back home.
 - Ⓑ It jumps and jabs its fangs into the animal.
 - Ⓒ It sucks up a tasty meal.
 - Ⓓ It shoots venom into the animal.
6. Read this sentence: *Tarantulas are **harmless** if you leave them alone.* **Harmless** means _____.
 - Ⓐ slow and calm
 - Ⓑ looking for a fight
 - Ⓒ scared
 - Ⓓ not dangerous

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7. A tarantula uses its hairs to _____.
 - Ⓐ sense heat and cold
 - Ⓑ sting enemies
 - Ⓒ climb trees
 - Ⓓ all of the above
8. Which of the following details is true about tarantulas?
 - Ⓐ They are the largest spiders in the world.
 - Ⓑ They do not eat other spiders.
 - Ⓒ They hunt during the day.
 - Ⓓ They never outgrow their skin.
9. Which of the following is an opinion?
 - Ⓐ Tarantulas are important to the balance of nature.
 - Ⓑ People are a big danger to tarantulas.
 - Ⓒ Tarantulas are the most interesting spiders.
 - Ⓓ There are more than fifty kinds of tarantulas in the United States.
10. *An animal hunted and eaten by a predator is called _____.*
 - Ⓐ venom
 - Ⓑ sense
 - Ⓒ fangs
 - Ⓓ prey
11. **Extended Response:** How do the body parts of a tarantula help it to survive in its environment?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Tarantula

Main Comprehension Skill: Author's Purpose

1. Ⓒ *Author's Purpose*
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3. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
4. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
5. Ⓑ *Sequence Events*
6. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
7. Ⓓ *Main Ideas and Details*
8. Ⓐ *Main Ideas and Details*
9. Ⓒ *Fact and Opinion*
10. Ⓓ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but should include specific body parts of the tarantula, such as its hairs, fangs, jaws, and little arms, and how they help the tarantula to live and grow.