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

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| <p>1. When something is organic, it _____.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ does not need as much water Ⓑ is grown without chemicals Ⓒ grows larger than other plants Ⓓ is grown with less sunlight <p>2. What conclusions can you draw about Aster's character?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ She thinks she knows everything about growing plants. Ⓑ She is unkind and will not help Mike. Ⓒ She is patient and interested in how plants grow. Ⓓ She will help Mike only if she gets paid. | <p>3. Which event occurred last in the story?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ Aster takes a picture of the sunflowers. Ⓑ Aster gives Mike a bag of sunflower seeds. Ⓒ Mike sells his seeds at the farmers market. Ⓓ Mike is able to buy his Super Spy kit. <p>4. What was the effect of Mike planting the seeds that were his snack?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ The seeds did not grow. Ⓑ The seeds were eaten by birds. Ⓒ The seeds would grow only in the shade. Ⓓ The seeds grew but did not make more seeds. |
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5. What happens right after the July thunderstorm sweeps through?
 - Ⓐ The birds come and eat the seeds.
 - Ⓑ Mike must wait for the soil to dry.
 - Ⓒ The seeds are washed away.
 - Ⓓ Sprouts begin to spring up.
6. How does Mike try to solve the problem of the birds eating the seeds?
 - Ⓐ He uses his cat to hunt the birds.
 - Ⓑ He makes a scarecrow to keep the birds away.
 - Ⓒ He plays loud music to scare the birds.
 - Ⓓ He sits by the plants night and day to shoo the birds away.
7. Why does Mike want to plant sunflowers?
 - Ⓐ He doesn't know what else to do with his leftover seeds.
 - Ⓑ He knows that Aster loves sunflowers and plants them for her.
 - Ⓒ He is curious about gardening and how plants grow.
 - Ⓓ He wants to collect the seeds from the flowers and sell them.
8. What is the effect of Aster helping Mike with the sunflowers?
 - Ⓐ She learns a lot about how they grow.
 - Ⓑ She collects all the flowers and sells them.
 - Ⓒ She decides to plant her own garden.
 - Ⓓ She figures out how to keep the birds away.

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9. *Someone who buys something to use is called _____.*

- Ⓐ the middle man
- Ⓑ a salesman
- Ⓒ a consumer
- Ⓓ a clerk

10. What conclusion can you draw about Mike's mom?

- Ⓐ She thinks Mike should come up with a better plan.
- Ⓑ She wants to help Mike with his plan.
- Ⓒ She thinks Aster should help Mike more.
- Ⓓ She thinks Mike's plan is a waste of time.

11. **Extended Response:** How do Mike's feelings about Aster change during the story? Use details from the story to support your answer.

12. **Extended Response:** Why do you think Aster took pictures of the sunflowers?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Seeds and Sunflowers

Main Comprehension Skill: Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions

1. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
2. Ⓒ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
3. Ⓑ *Sequence Events*
4. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
5. Ⓓ *Sequence Events*
6. Ⓑ *Problem and Solution*
7. Ⓓ *Main Idea and Details*
8. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
9. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
10. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
11. Students' responses should include the information that at first Mike thinks Aster is a crazy kid and does not know what she is doing, but as the story progresses, he realizes that her advice is very helpful and that she knew all along what she was doing all along with the sunflowers and the photos.
12. Students' responses will vary but may include the ideas that Aster takes the pictures on the basis of her own curiosity and desire to learn, and to share them with Mike to show him the fruits of his labor.