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

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| <p>1. Which of the following words is a synonym for horrid?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ wrinkled Ⓑ frightful Ⓒ disorganized Ⓓ heavy <p>2. Where would this story most likely be found?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ in a collection of mystery stories Ⓑ in a collection of science fiction stories Ⓒ in a collection of fables Ⓓ in a collection of fairytales <p>3. What happens <i>first</i> in the story?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ Damien's parents leave him alone while they go to a party. Ⓑ Damien's dog is hit by a truck and dies. Ⓒ Shelly warns her friends about the monkey's paw. Ⓓ There are loud and frightening noises outside of Damien's house. | <p>4. Why does Kara keep the monkey's paw?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ She thinks it is unusual and special. Ⓑ She believes it has powers. Ⓒ She wants to return it to Shelly. Ⓓ She thinks it is valuable. <p>5. When something persists, it _____.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ is very unpleasant Ⓑ moves in a slow and lazy manner Ⓒ is old and dried out Ⓓ lasts longer than is expected <p>6. Why were the characters having a campfire?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ to burn the monkey's paw Ⓑ to celebrate the end of the school year Ⓒ to roast marshmallows Ⓓ to celebrate Miguel's birthday |
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7. From the story, readers might conclude that _____.
 - Ⓐ the monkey's paw holds no power and it is silly to believe so
 - Ⓑ the death of Damien's dog is Kara's fault because she kept the monkey's paw
 - Ⓒ by the end of the story, Kara, Miguel, and Damien all believe in the power of the monkey's paw
 - Ⓓ Shelly was overreacting and making too big a deal about the monkey's paw
8. When something *does not make sense*, it is _____.
 - Ⓐ transfixed
 - Ⓑ sodden
 - Ⓒ illogical
 - Ⓓ anxious
9. What was the effect of Kara deciding to keep the monkey's paw?
 - Ⓐ Damien and Kara argue about who will keep it.
 - Ⓑ Shelly becomes upset and runs away.
 - Ⓒ Damien, Kara, and Miguel take turns making wishes.
 - Ⓓ Miguel and Damien agree that they will burn it later.
10. What conclusion can the reader draw about Kara at the end of the story?
 - Ⓐ She does not believe in the monkey paw's power.
 - Ⓑ She believes in the power of the monkey's paw.
 - Ⓒ She thinks that Damien and Miguel are overreacting.
 - Ⓓ She wishes that Shelly were there to help them.
11. **Extended Response:** What details from the story show the reader that Damien, Kara, and Miguel are close friends?

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12. Extended Response: Why does Kara think it is a good idea for Damien to use the paw for a second time?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

The Monkey's Paw

Main Comprehension Skill: Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions

1. Ⓑ Vocabulary
2. Ⓐ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
3. Ⓒ Sequence Events
4. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
5. Ⓓ Vocabulary
6. Ⓑ Main Idea and Details
7. Ⓒ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
8. Ⓒ Vocabulary
9. Ⓑ Cause and Effect
10. Ⓑ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
11. Students' answers will vary but may include any of the following details: *the characters spend time around the campfire together; Miguel and Kara go to visit Damien after his dog dies, and they stay with him for the evening.*
12. Students should respond that Kara believes that it is a good idea for Damien to use the paw again because it will help him feel better about the death of Bruiser when he realizes that the paw does not have special powers and that he has done everything he can.