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

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| <p>1. Why did Mrs. Yates want Tala to give Paco one of the stones?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ She thought Tala had too many stones. Ⓑ She wanted Paco to put it in his collection. Ⓒ She wanted Tala to learn that sharing is good. Ⓓ All of the above <p>2. What was the main problem in this story?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ The twins couldn't decide what to search for on the Internet. Ⓑ The twins didn't know how to get along with each other. Ⓒ The twins needed to be more serious about school. Ⓓ The twins knew nothing about rocks and stones. <p>3. Read this sentence: <i>In the story, the children fidgeted.</i> What does fidgeted mean?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ to be happy and peaceful Ⓑ to move around nervously Ⓒ to argue Ⓓ to avoid being around people | <p>4. Why did Tala not want to show Paco the stones?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ She knew Paco would make her throw them back. Ⓑ She knew Paco would want her to give them to him. Ⓒ She knew Paco would tell her they were worthless. Ⓓ She knew Paco would want to research them on the Internet. <p>5. Why did Mrs. Yates turn on the computer?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ She wanted the twins to work together as friends. Ⓑ She wanted to show the children the legend of the Apache Tears. Ⓒ She wanted to let the children play a game so they wouldn't argue. Ⓓ She wanted to find out where the stones came from. |
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6. Which sentence best explains how Tala and Paco were different?
 - Ⓐ Paco was angry and sad, but Tala was cheerful and eager.
 - Ⓑ Paco was friendly and funny, but Tala was quiet and shy.
 - Ⓒ Tala was athletic and strong, but Paco was serious and smart.
 - Ⓓ Tala was interested in facts and science, but Paco was interested in beauty and magic.
7. What is a **legend**?
 - Ⓐ a story from long ago that explains something from the past
 - Ⓑ an experiment that people try in order to prove something
 - Ⓒ a famous story that takes place in the future
 - Ⓓ someone who studies a mystery
8. Why did Paco and Tala want their mother to have the black stones?
 - Ⓐ Mrs. Yates thought the stones were pretty and liked them very much.
 - Ⓑ They wanted their mother to know they wished her good luck and happiness.
 - Ⓒ They wanted their mother to keep them so they wouldn't argue about the stones.
 - Ⓓ They wanted their mother to put them in her collection and write a story about them.
9. Why did Mrs. Yates wear the Apache Tears necklace without taking it off?
 - Ⓐ The stones reminded her how her children learned to cooperate.
 - Ⓑ The legend of the stones reminded her of the story her parents had told her.
 - Ⓒ The legend of the stones reminded her of buying the stones with her children.
 - Ⓓ All of the above

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10. How was Mrs. Yates similar to the Apache women in the legend?
- Ⓐ Mrs. Yates and the Apache women were sad because their husbands had died.
 - Ⓑ Mrs. Yates and the Apache women were upset because they had children who often argued.
 - Ⓒ Mrs. Yates and the Apache women cried tears in the ocean for their lost husbands.
 - Ⓓ Mrs. Yates and the Apache women were alive during the time of the story.
11. **Extended Response:** What did the author mean when she said, "Apache Tears really had brought them all good luck!"
12. **Extended Response:** Explain two ways that Tala and Paco's mother tried to help her children to get along better.

Quick Check Answer Sheet

The Black Stones

Main Comprehension Skill: Compare and Contrast

1. Ⓒ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
2. Ⓑ *Problem and Solution*
3. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
5. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
6. Ⓓ *Compare and Contrast*
7. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
8. Ⓑ *Analyze Character*
9. Ⓐ *Analyze Character*
10. Ⓐ *Compare and Contrast*
11. Answers should include the following: *finding the stones was lucky for them because the children learned how to work together, and this made them all happy.*
12. Answers should include two of the following: *she gave each child one stone, she asked them to work together to look for information about the stones, she told them their constant fighting was making her sad, and so on.*