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

1. How were Javier and Carlos different?
 - Ⓐ Javier is older than Carlos.
 - Ⓑ Carlos had been through mazes before, and Javier hadn't.
 - Ⓒ Carlos is a great chess player, and Javier is a great baseball player.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
2. Why did Carlos enjoy mazes?
 - Ⓐ He always liked going with his big brother to them.
 - Ⓑ He was really good at finding the paths to the end.
 - Ⓒ He helped build them, so he knew how to get through them.
 - Ⓓ He enjoyed getting lost and having to spend time getting out.
3. In what season was this story taking place?
 - Ⓐ summer
 - Ⓑ spring
 - Ⓒ fall
 - Ⓓ winter
4. Read this sentence: *Carlos faced a **dilemma** when he heard Javier yelling.* What is a **dilemma**?
 - Ⓐ a problem that is easy to solve
 - Ⓑ a problem with no likable solution
 - Ⓒ when you know you are about to get hurt
 - Ⓓ when you know you are about to win something
5. What convinced Carlos to go help Javier?
 - Ⓐ Alf started whimpering and barking.
 - Ⓑ Carlos heard Javier say it was no joke.
 - Ⓒ Carlos could see that Javier had fallen down.
 - Ⓓ Other people told Carlos that Javier was on the ground.

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6. Why didn't Carlos take off into the maze as soon as he got there?
 - Ⓐ He was lost.
 - Ⓑ He wanted Javier to get a head start.
 - Ⓒ He wanted to think about a strategy to win.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
7. How did Carlos feel when Javier told him to make him a sandwich?
 - Ⓐ excited
 - Ⓑ pleased
 - Ⓒ worried
 - Ⓓ irritated
8. How did Carlos feel when he got to the end of the maze and the author wrote, "he felt like he was floating"?
 - Ⓐ angry and upset
 - Ⓑ relieved and proud
 - Ⓒ worried and surprised
 - Ⓓ determined and confused
9. When Javier was told he would be going to a maze he said, "Sounds fascinating. I'll stay with a friend." What did he mean?
 - Ⓐ He wants his friend to go with him to the maze.
 - Ⓑ He thinks the maze will be very interesting.
 - Ⓒ He has no interest in going to the maze.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
10. What are **boundaries**?
 - Ⓐ confusing places
 - Ⓑ where two paths join together
 - Ⓒ the limit of where a person should go
 - Ⓓ a place where there is a cliff or drop-off
11. **Extended Response:** Why did Javier say "It looks like I'm doing chores for a month" at the end of the story?
12. **Extended Response:** What lesson does the author want the reader to learn from this story?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Carlos's Puzzle

Main Comprehension Skill: Analyze Character

1. Ⓓ *Compare and Contrast*
2. Ⓑ *Analyze Character*
3. Ⓒ *Story Elements*
4. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
5. Ⓑ *Analyze Character*
6. Ⓒ *Analyze Character*
7. Ⓓ *Analyze Character*
8. Ⓑ *Analyze Character*
9. Ⓒ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
10. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
11. Answers will vary but should include the following: *Carlos had won the contest by beating Javier to the end of the maze first.*
12. Answers will vary. Example: *The author wants the reader to learn that each person has his or her own unique talents, and one talent is not more important than the other. The author also wants to teach readers that helping others is always more important than winning a game or contest.*