

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is the main idea of this story?
  - Ⓐ James wants to play with his hamster and new cage.
  - Ⓑ James has to help his mom clean the garage.
  - Ⓒ James does many jobs to get money for a hamster cage.
2. The story takes place around James's house, in many yards, and in the pet store. These are all examples of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ settings
  - Ⓑ plots
  - Ⓒ characters
3. What do we learn about James from his actions and words?
  - Ⓐ He is a lazy boy.
  - Ⓑ He is a hard worker.
  - Ⓒ He is a bad student.
4. Which of the following is a detail that supports the main idea?
  - Ⓐ James only has fourteen dollars.
  - Ⓑ James rakes leaves to earn money.
  - Ⓒ James is proud of his hard work.
5. Listen to this sentence: *The **weeds** grow everywhere in the yard.* What are **weeds**?
  - Ⓐ bumpy roads
  - Ⓑ trees
  - Ⓒ wild plants
6. **Extended Response:** What is the main problem James has in the story? How does he solve this problem?

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Quick Check Answer Sheet**Jobs for James***Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details*

1. Ⓒ *Main Idea and Details*
2. Ⓐ *Story Elements*
3. Ⓑ *Analyze Character*
4. Ⓑ *Main Idea and Details*
5. Ⓒ *Vocabulary*
6. Answers will vary slightly.  
Example: *James did not have enough money to buy a new hamster cage. He solved this problem by doing jobs to earn enough money.*

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