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

1. Why did Mrs. Yates want Tala to give Paco one of the stones?
 - Ⓐ 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
2. What was the main problem in this story?
 - Ⓐ The twins didn't have any other friends.
 - Ⓑ The twins couldn't get along with each other.
 - Ⓒ The twins needed to work harder in school.
 - Ⓓ The twins didn't want to share the white stones.
3. What is **research**?
 - Ⓐ a type of computer game
 - Ⓑ to study and find information on a subject
 - Ⓒ to work together
 - Ⓓ to look for something that is lost
4. Why didn't Tala want to show Paco the stones?
 - Ⓐ She knew he would make her throw them back.
 - Ⓑ She knew he would want to keep them.
 - Ⓒ She knew he would tell her they were stupid.
 - Ⓓ She knew he would want to study them on the Internet.
5. How could Paco tell his sister was interested in the story they found on the Internet about the black stones?
 - Ⓐ Tala read the webpage about the stones slowly.
 - Ⓑ Tala talked to her mom about the stones.
 - Ⓒ Tala looked the stones up in a dictionary.
 - Ⓓ Tala told Paco she would give him a stone.

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| <p>6. Why did Mrs. Yates turn on the computer?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ She wanted the twins to work together. Ⓑ She wanted to show the children the legend of the Apache Tears. Ⓒ She wanted to let the children play a game. Ⓓ She wanted to find out about the stones. <p>7. Which sentence best explains how Tala and Paco were different?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ Paco was angry, but Tala was cheerful. Ⓑ Paco was friendly while Tala was quiet. Ⓒ Tala was strong, and Paco was smart. Ⓓ Tala liked facts and science, but Paco was interested in art and magic. | <p>8. What is a legend?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ a story from long ago that explains something from the past Ⓑ a book about a cartoon character Ⓒ a famous story that takes place in the future Ⓓ someone who studies a mystery <p>9. Why did Paco and Tala want their mother to have the black stones?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ⓐ Mrs. Yates thought the stones were pretty and liked them very much. Ⓑ They wanted her to know they wished her happiness. Ⓒ Paco and Tala wanted their mother to keep them so they wouldn't argue about the stones. Ⓓ They wanted their mother to write a story about them. |
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10. Why did Mrs. Yates wear the Apache Tears necklace without taking it off?
- Ⓐ The stones reminded Mrs. Yates how her children learned to get along better.
 - Ⓑ The legend of the stones reminded Mrs. Yates of the story her parents had told her.
 - Ⓒ The legend of the stones reminded Mrs. Yates of going to buy the stones with her children.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
11. **Extended Response:** Explain one way that Tala and Paco's mother tried to help her children to get along better.
12. **Extended Response:** What do you think Paco and Tala will do the next time they disagree about something?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

The Black Stones

Main Comprehension Skill: Compare and Contrast

1. Ⓒ *Analyze Character*
2. Ⓑ *Problem and Solution*
3. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
4. Ⓑ *Cause and Effect*
5. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
6. Ⓐ *Cause and Effect*
7. Ⓓ *Compare and Contrast*
8. Ⓐ *Vocabulary*
9. Ⓑ *Analyze Character*
10. Ⓐ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
11. Answers should include one 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.*
12. Answers will vary. Example:
I think they will not argue but listen to each other's ideas.