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

1. What causes Jamie to think Del is in trouble?
 - Ⓐ Mr. Sanchez is very angry with Del.
 - Ⓑ Del doesn't want to play kickball.
 - Ⓒ Jamie sees Del on the bus that morning.
 - Ⓓ Jamie sees Del in the principal's office during recess.

2. Read this sentence: *Jamie's words about Del have negative consequences.* Which word means about the same as **consequences**?
 - Ⓐ decisions
 - Ⓑ results
 - Ⓒ stories
 - Ⓓ feelings

3. What is this book mainly about?
 - Ⓐ Del goes to the principal's office for beating up a kindergartner.
 - Ⓑ Jamie spreads rumors about Del before realizing how damaging her words can be.
 - Ⓒ Del is mean to Jamie and calls her "Germy."
 - Ⓓ Del's father is deployed overseas.

4. Which of the following is an opinion about Del?
 - Ⓐ Del is mean.
 - Ⓑ Del is a student.
 - Ⓒ Del's teacher is Mr. Sanchez.
 - Ⓓ Del is a boy.

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5. Which of the following makes this story an example of realistic fiction?
 - (A) It is a true story about a person's life.
 - (B) It is a true story that gives information about an event in history.
 - (C) Its characters are believable, and the events could happen in real life.
 - (D) It is a tall tale written from the writer's imagination.

6. What causes Del to sit by himself on a bench while the other kids play kickball at recess?
 - (A) Mr. Sanchez tells him he can't play.
 - (B) The kids say that neither team wants him to play.
 - (C) Del is waiting to go home.
 - (D) Del doesn't like kickball and doesn't want to play.

7. How is Jamie's reaction to the telephone game different from those of her friends?
 - (A) Jamie thinks the outcome of the game is funny.
 - (B) Jamie doesn't feel sorry for Del.
 - (C) Jamie realizes the negative impact of spreading rumors about others.
 - (D) Jamie's reaction is the same as those of her friends.

8. What is the author's purpose for writing *The Gossip Monster*?
 - (A) to inform readers about how gossip can spread
 - (B) to persuade readers that it's not nice to call people names
 - (C) to entertain readers about the gossip monster's funny activities
 - (D) none of the above

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9. What are *things that are believed to be true without proof*?

- Ⓐ assumptions
- Ⓑ consequences
- Ⓒ conclusions
- Ⓓ glimpses

10. What is the effect of Jamie’s apology to Del?

- Ⓐ Del tells Jamie what really happened in the principal’s office.
- Ⓑ Jamie feels even worse about hurting Del after she learns about what happened to his dad.
- Ⓒ Del calls Jamie by her real name instead of “Germy.”
- Ⓓ All of the above

11. **Extended Response:** What lesson does this book address about the impact of gossiping and spreading rumors?

12. **Extended Response:** Del really hurt Jamie’s feelings in the past. Knowing this, why didn’t getting revenge on Del feel as good as Jamie thought it would?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

The Gossip Monster

Main Comprehension Skill: Sequence Events

1. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
2. Ⓑ Vocabulary
3. Ⓑ Main Idea and Details
4. Ⓐ Fact or Opinion
5. Ⓒ Identify Genre
6. Ⓑ Cause and Effect
7. Ⓒ Compare and Contrast
8. Ⓐ Author's Purpose
9. Ⓐ Vocabulary
10. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
11. Answers will vary but should include the use of vocabulary words such as *assumptions*, *conclusions*, *consequences*, *gossiping*, and *rumor*, and state ideas similar to the following: *jumping to conclusions before you know the facts can make you assume something that is not true about somebody else; talking negatively about somebody else can hurt his or her feelings; passing on a rumor or starting one is like feeding a monster—it mutates a little and gets bigger until it's completely different from when it started; rumors usually get meaner, uglier, and more hurtful; words have consequences, and once a gossip monster has started, it's almost impossible to stop.*
12. Answers will vary but should include ideas such as the following: *At first it was great for Jamie to feel listened to and popular because she liked that people were interested in what she had to say, and she liked getting back at Del for being so mean to her. But realizing she had become the bully in this situation made her understand that she had hurt Del for selfish reasons. Hurting others to try to make yourself feel good is never a good choice, and you'll usually feel even worse in the long run.*