

## Quick Check

## The Cat in the Palace

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

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

1. When something **disintegrates**, it \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ becomes larger
  - Ⓑ breaks into small pieces
  - Ⓒ is put back together again
  - Ⓓ changes constantly
2. What conclusions can you draw about Qynn's character?
  - Ⓐ She looks to Uncle Jasper to make all of the decisions.
  - Ⓑ She is foolish and is afraid most of the time.
  - Ⓒ She is courageous and cares for her friends.
  - Ⓓ She is not trustworthy and is working with the Queen.
3. Which of the following events occurred first in the story?
  - Ⓐ Qynn and the others sneak into the palace once the sun has gone down.
  - Ⓑ Anna and Jake are captured by the Queen and taken to her palace.
  - Ⓒ Qynn and the others meet a strange white cat in the hallway.
  - Ⓓ Thomas shows Qynn and the others where Anna is being held.
4. What might happen if Qynn focuses her mind too much on one thing?
  - Ⓐ It will alert the Queen.
  - Ⓑ The palace will disappear.
  - Ⓒ Thomas will hear them coming.
  - Ⓓ She won't be able to focus on saving her friends.

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5. What happens last in the story?

- Ⓐ Uncle Jasper describes his plan to save Anna and escape from the palace.
- Ⓑ The Queen senses there are people in her castle and sneaks up behind them.
- Ⓒ Anna looks up and sees her friends, and they run out of the palace.
- Ⓓ The characters see Anna and don't immediately know how to help her.

6. How does Thomas feel about the Queen?

- Ⓐ He loves her because she is his mother.
- Ⓑ He is sad because she never tried to bring him back from the other world.
- Ⓒ He is disappointed because the Queen's plan to gain power has worked.
- Ⓓ He is angry because the queen won't let him play outside.

7. How does the Queen maintain her world?

- Ⓐ She keeps guards at her gates to watch for intruders.
- Ⓑ She collects energy from the plants that grow around the palace.
- Ⓒ She makes Thomas and the others work in her palace.
- Ⓓ She collects people with strong imaginations.

8. Why does Anna seem happy even though the Queen is holding her in the palace?

- Ⓐ Anna is living in an illusion.
- Ⓑ Anna likes living in the palace more than living in her own house.
- Ⓒ Anna has decided to work alongside the Queen.
- Ⓓ Anna enjoys taking care of the babies who live in the palace.

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9. When something is **off-kilter**, it is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ unimportant
  - Ⓑ away from something
  - Ⓒ unusual or strange
  - Ⓓ always changing
10. What was the effect of the Queen creating Thomas and his brothers and sisters?
  - Ⓐ She became powerful.
  - Ⓑ She became weak.
  - Ⓒ She became happier.
  - Ⓓ She became less lonely.
11. **Extended Response:** How does Thomas try to prove to the characters that they can trust him?
12. **Extended Response:** What kind of character is the Queen? How do you know?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

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Main Comprehension Skill: Sequence Events

1. Ⓑ Vocabulary
2. Ⓒ Analyze Character
3. Ⓑ Sequence Events
4. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
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6. Ⓑ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
7. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
8. Ⓐ Cause and Effect
9. Ⓒ Vocabulary
10. Ⓑ Cause and Effect
11. Students should note that Thomas agrees to show them where Anna is being held in the castle as a way to convince the characters that they can trust him.
12. Students should note that the Queen seems like an untrustworthy character. For example, answers could include the following: *She captured Jake and Anna and is trying to gain power for herself. She is also an unkind character because after Thomas brought her Jake and Anna, she ignored him.* Students may use other examples from the text to support their responses.