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

1. What happened in the first chapter when a dog couldn't catch a mouse?
 - (A) A cat came to help.
 - (B) The dog made a trap.
 - (C) The cats chased the dog away.
 - (D) The mouse moved in with the dog.

2. Why did the dogs take off their tails?
 - (A) They wanted to switch with other dogs.
 - (B) They didn't want to dance with them on.
 - (C) They didn't want to get the barn muddy.
 - (D) They knew the cats wouldn't like them to have tails.

3. What was the main problem in this story?
 - (A) The cats mixed up all the dogs' tails.
 - (B) The cats didn't invite the dogs to their party.
 - (C) The dogs couldn't catch mice without the cats' help.
 - (D) The storm caused the dogs to have to take their tails off.

4. What happened just before the Spring Party's dancing began?
 - (A) It started to storm and rain.
 - (B) The cats took off their tails.
 - (C) The cats and dogs played baseball.
 - (D) The cats gathered and planned a trick.

5. What does **mischievous** mean?
 - (A) interesting
 - (B) being confused
 - (C) causing trouble
 - (D) making something new

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6. Why didn't the dogs and cats get along at the party?
 - Ⓐ The dogs and cats started insulting each other.
 - Ⓑ The dogs decided to play tricks on the cats.
 - Ⓒ The cats wouldn't help the dogs organize their tails.
 - Ⓓ All of the above

7. How can you tell this story is not true?
 - Ⓐ Dogs can't take their tails off.
 - Ⓑ Cats and dogs can't have parties.
 - Ⓒ Dogs couldn't ask cats to help them.
 - Ⓓ All of the above

8. What is **tension**?
 - Ⓐ an injury
 - Ⓑ a way to solve problems
 - Ⓒ when someone is very helpful
 - Ⓓ an unpleasant and worried feeling

9. What is the chapter titled "Best Friends" mostly about?
 - Ⓐ a boy and girl who owned a cat and dog
 - Ⓑ how cats and dogs lived happily together
 - Ⓒ the way that cats and dogs had become enemies
 - Ⓓ two boys who always played with their cat and dog

10. Why did the cats throw the Spring Party?
 - Ⓐ to celebrate spring
 - Ⓑ to make the dogs mad
 - Ⓒ to chase the mice away
 - Ⓓ to make the dogs play with them

11. **Extended Response:** During the story, how did the cats' and dogs' feelings toward each other change?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

A Dog's Tale

Main Comprehension Skill: Cause and Effect

1. **(A)** *Cause and Effect*
2. **(C)** *Cause and Effect*
3. **(A)** *Problem and Solution*
4. **(A)** *Sequence Events*
5. **(C)** *Vocabulary*
6. **(A)** *Cause and Effect*
7. **(D)** *Identify Genre*
8. **(D)** *Vocabulary*
9. **(B)** *Main Idea and Details*
10. **(A)** *Main Idea and Details*
11. Answers will vary. Sample:
At the beginning of the story the cats and dogs were very good friends, but at the end they no longer liked each other.