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Half-Chicken

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Answer Numbers 1 through 10. Choose the best answer for each question.

- 1 What does the word *tangled* mean in the sentence below?
- The kite's tail got tangled in the branches.**

- (A) pulled loose
- (B) cut to pieces
- (C) hidden behind
- (D) wrapped around

- 2 What does the word *stream* mean in the sentence below?

Deer drank from the little stream that ran through the woods.

- (F) creek
- (G) lake
- (H) puddle
- (I) wave

- 3 What does the word *blazed* mean in the sentence below?

A fire blazed in the fireplace.

- (A) burned hotly
- (B) sputtered out
- (C) turned to ashes
- (D) poured out smoke

- 4 What does the word *swift* mean in the sentence below?

The race horse was as swift as the wind.

- (F) fast
- (G) light
- (H) quiet
- (I) strong

- 5 What does the word *tumbling* mean in the sentence below?

Fina dropped her book, and it started tumbling down the stairs.

- (A) rolling over and over
- (B) hopping up and down
- (C) swaying back and forth
- (D) stooping lower and lower

- 6 Which word means the OPPOSITE of the word *young* in the sentence below?

The grandmother told the young boy a story of a time long ago.

- (F) child
- (G) difficult
- (H) long
- (I) old

- 7 Which word means the OPPOSITE of the word *tiny* in the sentence below?

The elephant was so big and tall that it frightened the tiny mouse.

- (A) gray
- (B) huge
- (C) loud
- (D) small

- 8 Which word means the OPPOSITE of the word *lose* in the sentence below?

Sara was the tic-tac-toe champ, and she didn't like to lose or tie a game.

- (F) drop
- (G) make
- (H) play
- (I) win

9 Which word means the OPPOSITE of the word *noisy* in the sentence below?

The noisy children woke the sleeping baby from her nap.

- (A) loud
- (B) odd
- (C) quiet
- (D) sleepy

10 Which word means the OPPOSITE of the word *kind* in the sentence below?

Ben's feelings were hurt, but Gina's kind words cheered him up.

- (F) happy
- (G) many
- (H) mean
- (I) nice



Comprehension

Answer Numbers 1 through 10. Base your answers on the story “Half-Chicken.”

1. What problem does the mother hen have at the beginning of the story? p. —
- (A) Her chicks litter the ranch with their empty shells.
 - (B) Most of her chicks have too many wings and feathers.
 - (C) All the animals are saying mean things about her chick.
 - (D) Her chicks run loose while she is still hatching her last egg.
2. Why do all the ranch animals gather around the mother hen? p. —
- (F) to help the chicks hatch
 - (G) to see her strange half-chick
 - (H) to see thirteen chicks at once
 - (I) to hear her grandmother’s story
3. What makes Half-Chicken become very vain? p. —
- (A) He hears he is famous in Mexico City.
 - (B) He is the center of attention on the ranch.
 - (C) He knows he is smarter than the other chicks.
 - (D) He has a gift for telling which way the wind blows.

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p. _____ **4** Why does Half-Chicken think he should go to Mexico City?

- (F) to see the Great Plaza
- (G) to meet the palace cook
- (H) to become a weather vane
- (I) to show off how unique he is

p. _____ **5** Why does the stream ask Half-Chicken for help?

- (A) Fire is drying up its waters.
- (B) Branches are blocking its way.
- (C) No one is stopping to swim and play.
- (D) It needs to find the way to Mexico City.

6 Why doesn't Half-Chicken stay and warm up by the fire? p. _____

- (F) He is afraid the fire will burn him.
- (G) He is in a hurry to get to Mexico City.
- (H) He knows the fire will soon go out again.
- (I) He doesn't feel cold because he has feathers.

7 What does Half-Chicken do to help the wind? p. _____

- (A) fan it with his wings
- (B) lead it to Mexico City
- (C) point the way it should go
- (D) untangle it from some bushes

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8 Why does the palace guard laugh? p. _____

- F He thinks Half-Chicken's voice sounds funny.
- G He thinks the joke that Half-Chicken tells is funny.
- H He thinks the viceroy would like to meet a chicken.
- I He thinks Half-Chicken belongs in the kitchen.

9 What saves Half-Chicken from being cooked? p. _____

- A The viceroy asks to meet him.
- B Fire and water repay favors he did for them.
- C The ladies-in-waiting play a joke on the cook.
- D The cook feels sorry for him and turns off the fire.

10 What is this story MAINLY about?

- F what makes the wind blow
- G why chickens never do favors
- H how weather vanes came to be
- I how chickens got their feathers

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11. Why do the farm animals name the thirteenth chick Half-Chicken? Use details from the story to support your answer.

12. What happens when the wind blows Half-Chicken at the end of the story? Use details from story text to support your answer.

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