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

1. What is the main idea of this book?
  - Ⓐ We celebrate April Fools' Day at the beginning of the year.
  - Ⓑ There are many safe and fun ways to celebrate April Fools' Day.
  - Ⓒ Only kids can pull pranks on April Fools' Day.
  - Ⓓ America is the only country that celebrates April Fools' Day.
2. Which detail supports the main idea?
  - Ⓐ One trick is putting plastic bugs on food, beds, or chairs!
  - Ⓑ People around the world celebrate April Fools' Day the same way.
  - Ⓒ April Fools' Day is celebrated on or around the first day of January.
  - Ⓓ Companies and the media never try to fool the public.
3. Which of the following words means *tricks or practical jokes*?
  - Ⓐ traditional
  - Ⓑ media
  - Ⓒ victim
  - Ⓓ pranks
4. The author of this book believes that \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ April Fools' Day should be celebrated only in America
  - Ⓑ April Fools' Day should be a day of enjoyment where no one works or goes to school
  - Ⓒ April Fools' Day is a special day to celebrate the funny side of life
  - Ⓓ April Fools' Day is mean and should no longer be celebrated

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5. How do people celebrate April Fools' Day in Scotland?
  - Ⓐ People send a friend on a foolish errand.
  - Ⓑ People tape a paper fish to a friend's back.
  - Ⓒ People tell friends that class has been canceled.
  - Ⓓ People put oil doorknobs.
6. What is the author's purpose for writing this book?
  - Ⓐ to answer a question about common pranks
  - Ⓑ to explain how to have a safe and fun April Fools' Day
  - Ⓒ to describe the best April Fools' Day prank
  - Ⓓ to inform the reader of what can happen if someone doesn't like a prank
7. The author includes details about safety rules to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ answer a question about how mean a prank can be
  - Ⓑ describe a harmful prank
  - Ⓒ explain why it is important to be kind when pulling pranks
  - Ⓓ inform the reader of safety rules for games and sports
8. Why is April 1 called *April Fish* in France?
  - Ⓐ because the fish is the national animal of France
  - Ⓑ because everyone eats fish for dinner
  - Ⓒ because a fish is a person who is easily fooled
  - Ⓓ because the French go fishing on April 1

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9. What did a radio station claim Twitter was doing in 2012 in order to save \$1.4 billion?

- Ⓐ selling spaghetti trees
- Ⓑ charging more to people if they used vowels in their tweets
- Ⓒ making a drink that could make people smarter
- Ⓓ changing the character limit to 133 per tweet

10. The word **disguise** means \_\_\_\_\_.

- Ⓐ the ideas and customs of certain groups of people
- Ⓑ clothes or other things a person wears to keep from being recognized
- Ⓒ mass communication through which information is given to the public
- Ⓓ tricks or practical jokes

11. **Extended Response:** Compare and contrast the ways in which April Fools' Day is celebrated in Scotland and France.

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## April Fools' Day

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓑ Main Idea and Details
2. Ⓐ Main Idea and Details
3. Ⓓ Vocabulary
4. Ⓒ Author's Point of View
5. Ⓐ Main Idea and Details
6. Ⓑ Author's Purpose
7. Ⓒ Author's Purpose
8. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
9. Ⓓ Main Idea and Details
10. Ⓑ Vocabulary
11. Answers will vary, but should clearly explain the following:  
*The two celebrations are similar because in both tricks are played on people. They are different because in Scotland, people are sent on foolish errands, but in France, people tape a fish to someone's back. In Scotland, the pranks can last two days, but in France, the pranks happen on only one day.*