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

1. What is the main idea of this book?
 - Ⓐ People communicate with their hands.
 - Ⓑ Deaf people use sign language.
 - Ⓒ Some animals understand hand signs.
 - Ⓓ Helen Keller could not see or hear.
2. What does it mean to say someone is **deaf**?
 - Ⓐ He or she cannot see.
 - Ⓑ He or she cannot hear.
 - Ⓒ He or she cannot walk.
 - Ⓓ He or she cannot speak.
3. How did William Ellsworth Hoy help baseball?
 - Ⓐ He made up the field with four bases.
 - Ⓑ He was on one of the first teams.
 - Ⓒ He made a home run.
 - Ⓓ He made up many of the signs used today.
4. Why do people who use sign language watch people's bodies and faces?
 - Ⓐ to play games
 - Ⓑ to see the words
 - Ⓒ to understand them better
 - Ⓓ to know which direction to go
5. Why are hand signals a good way for babies to communicate?
 - Ⓐ Babies are always hungry.
 - Ⓑ Babies don't understand English.
 - Ⓒ Babies need lots of sleep.
 - Ⓓ Babies are too young to speak.
6. Which sentence tells a fact?
 - Ⓐ Koko is a cute gorilla.
 - Ⓑ Sign language is difficult to learn.
 - Ⓒ William Ellsworth Hoy was deaf.
 - Ⓓ Everyone admires Helen Keller.

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7. Why is it a good idea for baseball umpires to use signs?
 - Ⓐ People can see them.
 - Ⓑ It is noisy at a baseball game.
 - Ⓒ People can understand them.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
8. Which sentence gives a detail about the main idea that some animals can understand sign language?
 - Ⓐ Helen Keller used her sense of touch to communicate.
 - Ⓑ Signers watch people's hands, bodies, and faces.
 - Ⓒ Koko learned to sign when she was a baby.
 - Ⓓ Whole word signs are used to make sentences.
9. What is **signing**?
 - Ⓐ sending signals with your face
 - Ⓑ signing your name
 - Ⓒ talking with your hands
 - Ⓓ pointing to pictures to speak
10. How did Helen Keller recognize sign language even though she was blind too?
 - Ⓐ She felt it.
 - Ⓑ She smelled it.
 - Ⓒ She listened to it.
 - Ⓓ All of the above
11. **Extended Response:** When could knowing how to use sign language help you?

Quick Check Answer Sheet

Sign Language and Hand Talk

Main Comprehension Skill: Main Idea and Details

1. Ⓐ Main Idea and Details
2. Ⓑ Vocabulary
3. Ⓓ Cause and Effect
4. Ⓒ Cause and Effect
5. Ⓓ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
6. Ⓒ Fact or Opinion
7. Ⓓ Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions
8. Ⓒ Main Idea and Details
9. Ⓒ Vocabulary
10. Ⓐ Story Elements
11. Answers will vary, but should be similar to this one: *If I knew how to sign, I could send hand signals to my friends across the playground when they are too far away to hear me.*