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

1. Why did Angie think a thesaurus was a care guide for pet dinosaurs?
  - Ⓐ because most dinosaurs come with care guides
  - Ⓑ because she thought a thesaurus was a dinosaur
  - Ⓒ because she saw "Care Guide" on the cover
  - Ⓓ all of the above
2. Why did Angie misunderstand the assignment from Mrs. Ellis?
  - Ⓐ She was daydreaming.
  - Ⓑ She was talking to a friend.
  - Ⓒ She was writing a story.
  - Ⓓ She was thinking about dinosaurs.
3. What question began to form in Angie's mind after Mrs. Ellis's request for the next day?
  - Ⓐ How many wings does a thesaurus have?
  - Ⓑ Is a thesaurus like a snapdragon?
  - Ⓒ Will Mrs. Ellis have enough thesauruses for everyone to borrow?
  - Ⓓ All of the above
4. How did Angie feel about what she thought was the assignment?
  - Ⓐ worried and upset
  - Ⓑ angry and concerned
  - Ⓒ excited and confused
  - Ⓓ none of the above
5. A **daydream** is most like \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ⓐ a wish
  - Ⓑ an imaginary distraction
  - Ⓒ a difficult problem
  - Ⓓ a big surprise

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6. Which statement best describes Angie's personality?  
Ⓐ imaginative and creative  
Ⓑ angry and frustrated  
Ⓒ attentive and responsible  
Ⓓ nervous and fidgety
7. Which word is a **synonym** for "make-believe."  
Ⓐ interesting  
Ⓑ imaginary  
Ⓒ real  
Ⓓ possible
8. How did Angie's mother feel when Angie asked for a dinosaur?  
Ⓐ worried  
Ⓑ angry  
Ⓒ amused  
Ⓓ excited
9. Why does Angie finally decide a thesaurus must be small?  
Ⓐ because it survived the ice age  
Ⓑ because it had magical powers  
Ⓒ because it could camouflage itself  
Ⓓ because many of them could fit into a classroom
10. How did Angie feel when she realized a thesaurus was a book?  
Ⓐ sad  
Ⓑ disappointed  
Ⓒ happy  
Ⓓ angry
11. **Extended Response:** Why does Angie's mother compare a writer using a thesaurus to a carpenter using a hammer?
12. **Extended Response:** After Angie wrote her story, why did Mrs. Ellis think she was in for a treat?

## Quick Check Answer Sheet

## The Thesaurus

Main Comprehension Skill: Analyze Character

1. Ⓑ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
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3. Ⓐ *Main Idea and Details*
4. Ⓒ *Analyze Character*
5. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
6. Ⓐ *Analyze Character*
7. Ⓑ *Vocabulary*
8. Ⓒ *Analyze Character*
9. Ⓓ *Make Inferences / Draw Conclusions*
10. Ⓑ *Analyze Character*
11. Answers may vary but should include: *both a thesaurus and a hammer are tools a person can use to do a better job.*
12. Answers may vary but would likely include: *the title of the story, The Ponderous Brute, used very interesting words; saw a picture of a dinosaur that went with the story; she knew that Angie had a good imagination, which is helpful when writing stories.*