

**Directions:** Go to your library and check out the correct books that follow. Then follow the directions for each section.

## **BOOK ONE**

*ANNABELLE'S UN-BIRTHDAY*, by STEVEN KROLL

### **PREVIEW QUESTIONS**

Answer these questions *before* you read the book. Each correct answer is worth **10** points.

**Look at the front and back covers and read about the author.**

1. Annabelle has just
  - (A) had her hair curled.
  - (B) moved.
  - (C) come home from dancing school.
  
2. The pictures in this book are
  - (A) small.
  - (B) in color.
  - (C) full page.
  
3. The boys and girls on the back cover are
  - (A) in school.
  - (B) in the library.
  - (C) at a party.
  
4. Was the idea for this book something that really happened?
  - (A) Yes.
  - (B) No.

5. The authors wife is

- (A) a dress designer.
- (B) a hat designer.
- (C) a shoe designer.

## **VOCABULARY WORDS**

If there are any words you do not know, look them up in the dictionary.

1. dreary
2. concentrate
3. stunned
4. confident
5. dingy
6. commotion
7. sheepishly
8. condition
9. detect
10. bifocals



## VOCABULARY QUESTIONS

**These questions will help you learn some of the key words in this book.**

6. Annabelle's old apartment was *dreary*. That means it was  
(A) tired.  
(B) gloomy.  
(C) cold.
7. Its difficult to *concentrate* when you are thinking of many things.  
*Concentrate* means  
  
(A) to focus.  
(B) to pay attention.  
(C) to sort out your thoughts.  
(D) all of the above.
8. When Mrs. Blake told the class they were all invited to Annabelle's party, there was *stunned* silence. Were they amazed and shocked?  
  
(A) Yes.  
(B) No.
9. The hallway near Grandma's apartment was *dingy*. That means it was  
  
(A) bright.  
(B) cheerful.  
(C) dark and shabby.
10. A *commotion* in the dining room began just before Grandma brought out the cake. *Commotion* means  
  
(A) excitement and noise.  
(B) sleepy.  
(C) relaxed.

11. Ethan grinned *sheepishly* at Annabelle. *Sheepishly* means

(A) in a funny way or rudely.

(B) nice.

(C) cheerfully.

12. Grandma had one *condition* when she gave out the cookies. *Condition* means

(A) rule.

(B) excitement.

(C) permission.

13. Grandma could *detect* Annabelle's interest in Ethan. Does *detect* mean to notice or discover like a detective?

(A) Yes.

(B) No.

14. Mr. Ryan was wearing his *bifocals*. *Bifocals* are

(A) bow ties.

(B) cuff links.

(C) glasses.

## **COMPREHENSION QUESTION**

Answer these questions *after* you read the book.

### 15. ***LITERAL-COMPREHENSION QUESTION***

Grandma helped Annabelle

- (A) stay home from school.
- (B) tell the truth.
- (C) catch a cat.

### 16. ***MAIN-IDEA QUESTION***

Does "Un-Birthday" mean it really wasn't Annabelle's Birthday?

- (A) Yes.
- (B) No.

### 17. ***DETAILS QUESTION***

What colors did Annabelle choose for her new room?

- (A) Blue and yellow.
- (B) Pink and white.
- (C) Red and white.

### 18. ***CAUSE-EFFECT-SEQUENCE QUESTION***

Annabelle had just moved and was worried about her new school. What happened the first day that made it terrific?

- (A) Mrs. Berke, the teacher welcomed her.
- (B) Melissa wanted to be her friend.
- (C) Ethan tried to be nice.
- (D) All of the above.

19. ***INFERENTIAL-COMPREHENSION QUESTION***

Who was Annabelle's best friend in the story?

- (A) Ethan.
- (B) Grandma.
- (C) Melissa.

Score\_\_\_\_\_

