The Herdmans were _______.
   a) rich, clean, spoiled brats
   b) the smartest kids in town
   c) the worst kids in the history of the world
   d) always the teachers' best students

The fire in the toolhouse was started by ----.
   a) matches
   b) a chemistry set
   c) a cigar
   d) a magnifying glass

The Herdmans loved ----.
   a) helping to put out fires
   b) the talks the fire chief gave
   c) the sound of the fire sirens
   d) the free doughnuts that were given to the firemen

The people in town were glad about the fire because ----.
   a) the firemen were able to practice their firefighting skills on a small fire
   b) it taught the kids in town a lesson
   c) the toolhouse looked awful and was sure to bring rats

Show-and-Tell turned into a disaster when Claude brought ----.
   a) a rat
   b) a squirrel
   c) his goldfish
   d) his cat

At Woodrow Wilson School, the Herdmans were always ----.
   a) passed to the next grade
   b) liked by their classmates
   c) the favorites in every classroom
   d) the best students in the class

Imogene blackmailed everyone who was ----.
   a) tall
   b) smart
   c) rich
   d) fat
8. Why was Alice called "Cooties"?
   a) She never took a bath.
   b) She had stinky feet.
   c) She got head lice.
   d) She had a rash.

9. A good title for Chapter 1 could be -----.  
   a) Imogene's Mean Streak  
   b) Doughnuts  
   c) The Toolhouse Fire  
   d) Meet the Herdmans

10. Read this passage from Chapter 1.  
"Why, he shouldn't be in school with red spots! It could be measles or chicken pox . . . any number of things. . . contagious things.

   The word contagious most likely means ------.
   a) to gather in one place  
   b) a disease that is catching  
   c) going on and on  
   d) being selfish

11. The effect of Claude Herdman taking his cat to Show-and-Tell was -----.  
   a) he received an A on his report card  
   b) everyone learned to get along in the classroom  
   c) Claude learned his ABC's  
   d) the first grade class emptied in three minutes flat

12. Imogene blackmailed the students at school. She took all of the following EXCEPT -----.  
   a) ten cents a week from Floyd Brush  
   b) Alice Wendleken's hair band she made when she went to summer camp  
   c) Lucille Golden's imitation alligator pocketbook with "Souvenir of Florida" written on it  
   d) Wanda Pierce's charm bracelet

13. Who is telling the story?  
   a) Imogene  
   b) Fred Shoemaker  
   c) the daughter of the Christmas pageant director  
   d) the social service worker

14. Which of the following events happened first in Chapter 1?  
   a) Imogene wrote down the weight of each student in her class.  
   b) Miss Brandel had Show-and-Tell in her classroom.  
   c) Alice went to the school nurse to have her hair combed.  
   d) Fred Shoemaker's toolhouse burnt down.


**Answer Key for Comprehension Questions**

1. (c)  
2. (b)  
3. (d)  
4. (c)  
5. (d)  
6. (a)  
7. (d)  
8. (c)  
9. (d)  
10. (b)  
11. (d)  
12. (b)  
13. (c)  
14. (d)

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