

## DON'T BUG ME

### Multiple Choice Comprehension Questions and Essay Opportunities

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1. Which character is described in the greatest **physical** detail? (This one is tricky.)
  - A. Max
  - B. Tex
  - C. Ozzie
  - D. Scooter
2. Why doesn't Max want to duplicate Evel Knievel's motorcycle stunt?
  - A. He hates motorcycles.
  - B. He doesn't want to die.
  - C. It would cost too much to replicate.
  - D. He doesn't think enough people would pay to see it.
3. As the bug-eating show is beginning, who appears to display the most enthusiasm?
  - A. Max and Ozzie
  - B. the girls in the audience
  - C. the boys in the audience
  - D. the adults in the audience
4. What does Max's father think about Max's show?
  - A. He is appalled by it.
  - B. He probably doesn't know about it.
  - C. He is proud of his son's boldness and courage.
  - D. He is pleased that Max is taking responsibility for the money he owes.
5. Which talent does Ozzie best demonstrate in the story?
  - A. his artistic skills
  - B. his showmanship
  - C. his physical strength
  - D. his mathematical abilities
6. Why did Max eat the cockroach after telling Ozzie he was backing out of the deal?
  - A. He would have owed his customers a ton of money.
  - B. He decided it would be kind of fun after all to eat a bug.
  - C. He decided that no cockroach was going to intimidate him.
  - D. He would have been too embarrassed to show his face at school the next day.

7. Near the end of the story, Max says to Ozzie, "Oh, I love this *we* bit. Like *we* were the ones both risking both risking our lives. Like *we* were the ones chomping away at a bugburger." Who does Max sound like in this passage?

- A. Ozzie
- B. Scooter
- C. his father
- D. a politician

8. Based on how the story ends, which is most likely to happen in the future?

- A. Max and Ozzie will become bug exterminators.
- B. Max and Ozzie will repeat the same show for more money.
- C. Max and Ozzie will get themselves involved in other similar situations.
- D. Max and Ozzie have learned their lesson and will never do anything so stupid again.

9. What was probably the author's primary aim in writing this story?

- A. To educate the audience
- B. To entertain the audience
- C. To warn readers not to eat insects
- D. To encourage readers to be more responsible

10. Do you think it is really possible for a kid to eat a live two-inch cockroach? State your opinion and give at least two reasons for your opinion. (Minimum: Five sentences)

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11. If you had to come up with \$200 on short notice, what strategy would you use. Explain your plan in detail. (Minimum: Five sentences)

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