

A Comic Book Conundrum

1. In Scene 2, what dilemma does Sam share with Alex?

- Sam wants to buy a rare comic book today, but he does not have enough money.
- Sam does not like the comic book Alex wants to buy and hopes he will choose a different one.
- Sam is moving to a different city and needs money to help his parents with moving costs.
- Sam's little brother is sick, and his parents are worried about affording the medicine.

2. At the end of the play, what can be inferred about Alex's feelings?

- He is regretful about not buying the comic book.
- He is content and happy with his decision to help a friend.
- He is confused about what just happened.
- He is angry at Sam for bringing up his problems on what should have been a fun day.

3. What is the primary theme of "A Comic Book Conundrum"?

- The value of comic books lies in their ability to bring joy and excitement to readers.
- Saving money diligently allows for future investments in valuable possessions.
- Making decisions can be hard, so it is best not to think and just go with your instincts.
- In friendships, it is important to help each other through difficult times.

4. In Scene 3, what decision does Alex make at the comic store?

- He decides to steal the comic book so he can have money to help Sam.
- He decides to buy a different comic book that is even more expensive.
- He decides not to buy the comic book so that he can help Sam's brother.
- He decides to buy the comic book and smiles about his growing collection.

5. Scene 2 is labeled as "The Conundrum," which is also part of the play's title. In this context, what does "conundrum" mean?

- An easy decision
- A happy resolution or solution
- A comic book title
- A difficult problem or dilemma

6. How does Alex respond to Sam's dilemma in Scene 2?

- He tells Sam he can ask the comic store owner to borrow some money.
- He changes the subject and does not address Sam's dilemma.
- He shows concern and offers to brainstorm ideas to help.
- He ignores Sam and focuses on his comic book purchase.

7. When Alex talks about the comic book in Scene 1, he refers to it as "the most unparalleled comic book ever." What does "unparalleled" mean in this context?

- Common and ordinary
- Very expensive
- Uniquely excellent
- Not interesting

8. What does Alex mean when he refers to the comic book as his "crown jewel"?

- It would be his least favorite comic book cover because it has jewels all over it.
- It is a comic he found on the street outside of a jewelry store.
- It would be his favorite comic book about royalty and their treasured jewels.
- It would be the most valuable and prized item in his collection.

9. In Scene 3, Mr. Barnes says, "... opportunities to help a friend sometimes pass like shooting stars." What meaning does this use of figurative language convey?

- Opportunities to help others are as common and predictable as shooting stars.
- Helping friends should only be done on rare occasions, much like seeing a shooting star.
- Chances to help a friend are rare and fleeting, and one should seize them when they appear.
- Friends often need help when it is dark and difficult to see, similar to shooting stars that are only visible at night.

10. In Scene 1, Alex and Sam are described as being "engrossed in their comics." What does "engrossed" mean in this context?

- Extremely confused
- Quickly flipping through
- Bored and uninterested
- Completely focused

11. In Scene 1, which of the following phrases would an actor read aloud during a performance of this play?

- "Leaning in to examine the webpage on the phone"
- "Excitedly waving phone in front of Sam"
- "Alex points to the screen and holds it right in front of Sam's face."
- "Look at the latest releases that have hit the comic book store!"

12. According to Mr. Barnes' advice at the end of the play, what makes a person a "rare hero"?

- Taking opportunities to help others, even when it requires personal sacrifice
- Collecting rare and valuable comic books, even if it takes time and effort
- Saving money to buy things you really want in life
- Having enough money to buy your friends lots of gifts