Student handout
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Welcome to Jasper National Park
Do not feed the bears
or pet them excessively

Check any answers that might be right
This is a really tough test. Some questions may not have any correct answer! But at least it’s okay to ask your friend. I wouldn’t bother asking your teachers. They probably don’t know.

1. Where does the name “Jasper” come from?
   - From Jasper the Bear, of course.
   - From this weird kind of rock.
   - From a fur-trade guy named Jasper Hawes.

2. Who are the “Five Lakes” named after?
   - Mr. and Mrs. Five.
   - Their children, One through Five.
   - There used to be six, but one got lost.

3. What should you do when you see a bear?
   - Run away, screaming.
   - Sit down with the bear and tell stories.
   - Stop, bunch up, and let the bear move on.

4. From the list of wildflowers below, pick any two.
   - Wild rose
   - Harebell
   - Paintbrush
   - Bloomin’ heather
   - Puccoon
   - One-toed baby’s-bottom
   - Wait! Wait! No picking wildflowers in the park!

5. When a glacier retreats,
   - It goes back up the mountain for another load of rocks.
   - It melts back faster than the ice is moving forward.
   - It goes into a long period of thoughtful silence.

6. When you’re hiking with a group,
   - Stick together.
   - Go running off ahead, so you can get lost.
   - Hum loudly to yourself.

7. When you come to a trail intersection,
   - Make sure everybody is there before going farther.
   - Flip a coin to decide which way to go.
   - Read the directional sign, if there is one.
   - If there’s no sign, hope you brought a map.

8. “Athabasca” is a Cree word that means
   - The place where the reeds grow.
   - The place where the tourists go over the railings, fall into the river and drown.

9. The purpose of Jasper National Park is
   - To make the shopkeepers of Jasper rich.
   - To give Edmontonians a cool place to party.
   - To give all Canadians a place to enjoy the wilderness without harming it.
   - To give the animals and plants of the Rockies a safe place to live.

10. When you eat an orange,
    - It’s okay to throw the peels into the woods, because animals will eat them.
    - It’s not okay to throw the peels into the woods, because animals will not eat them.

11. Bonus question! What does “pedantic” mean, anyway?
    - Expressing one’s knowledge tediously.
    - I have no idea.

End of test. You may stop thinking now.

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