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Comprehension

Read each of the following questions. Then choose the letter of the best answer.

1. What is one thing that Mrs. Bunnin wants?
   - **A.** Ruben to wash his costume before he wears it
   - **B.** a new globe and flag for her empty classroom
   - **C.** Robert and Belinda to speak more loudly
   - **D.** all the students to help carry in boxes of costumes

2. Because Robert has a speaking part in the play, you can guess that he
   - **A.** earned a high score on his spelling test
   - **B.** has plenty of acting experience
   - **C.** is Mrs. Bunnin's favorite student
   - **D.** hopes to be a famous actor one day

3. The students who play snowflakes and trees contribute to the play by
   - **A.** illustrating how the Donner Party's problem is finally solved
   - **B.** providing weather reports of the Donner Party's journey to California
   - **C.** singing songs that provide background information about the Donner Party
   - **D.** creating the noises of the storm that the Donner Party faced

4. During the rising action of the story, you learn that Robert would secretly like to
   - **A.** count all the shooting stars in the sky
   - **B.** guard the president when he grows up
   - **C.** grow up to have an amazing memory
   - **D.** recite his lines better than anyone else

5. In the falling action of the plot, Robert
   - **A.** goes backstage to remove his beard
   - **B.** chatters his teeth with the other students
   - **C.** avoids standing too close to Belinda
   - **D.** messes up his line in the students' play

6. Robert is happy with his performance because he
   - **A.** makes it through without passing out from fear
   - **B.** gains the respect of Belinda and his classmates
   - **C.** delivers his lines as Robert De Niro would have
   - **D.** receives a standing ovation from the audience

7. **Analyze Plot** Match each event in the story in the first column to the stage of the plot listed in the second column. Write the letter of the plot stage on the line.

____ Mrs. Bunnin calls Robert's work "almost perfect."	**a.** Exposition
____ The cast receives their costumes.	**b.** Rising Action
____ Robert delivers his lines on stage.	**c.** Climax
____ Robert finds a lucky dollar.	**d.** Falling Action
____ Robert practices his lines at home.	**e.** Resolution