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Use with the book:
Hatchet by Gary Paulsen

Hatchet: Chapters 1–2

1. What is the reason Brian is traveling from Hampton, New York to Canada, and how does it connect to the story's main conflict?
 - a. His parents are divorced, and he's spending the summer with his dad, which explains his need to fly alone.
 - b. He is visiting his mom for spring break, which helps him prepare for school.
 - c. He is camping with his dad, showing he has a closer relationship with his dad than he has with his mom.



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3. How are Brian's feelings toward his parents' divorce revealed in chapter one?

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6. How does Brian's age impact the intensity of the conflict?

- a. Being 13 makes coping with his parents' divorce more difficult.
- b. Being 14 makes him wiser, making it easier for him to stay calm during emergencies.
- c. Being only 13, he has never been on a plane before and cannot navigate one alone.
- d. Being 12 means he's too young to remember what to do in an emergency.

7. How does Brian's description of the Canadian wilderness add to the intensity of the setting?

- a. It shows the area is busy and full of people, reducing the sense of danger.
- b. It shows the land is desolate and isolated, making it easier to land the plane.
- c. It shows there are forests and no clearings, making it more challenging to land the plane.
- d. It shows the wilderness is bright and lively, making him feel safe.

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- a. He keeps trying for a long time, even though no one responds, showing persistence.
- b. He doesn't know how to use the radio and gives up immediately.
- c. He becomes frustrated by the complicated controls and stops trying.
- d. He keeps trying and eventually reaches air traffic control, showing that persistence brings quick success.

9. How does the title *Hatchet* connect to the gift Brian's mother gives him before his flight to Canada? What do you predict about the gift's importance to the story's plot?



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10. How does the author's repetition of the word **alone** add to the intensity of the setting?

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Answers will vary. An example is: Brian seems resentful toward his mother because the text states, "What he knew and had not told anybody, what he knew about his mother that had

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down. The author wants readers to fully understand the seriousness and fear of being truly alone in such a dangerous situation.