Comprehension check questions for Crash

Chapters 1 –5:
Why does everyone call him Crash?
When did Webb and Crash meet?
How does Crash describe Webb?
Why doesn’t Crash like Web?
What kinds of things does Crash do that make him seem like a bully?
Describe Webb’s house and family.
Why does Webb want Crash to come to dinner?
Why can’t Webb play with the water gun?
How does Crash react when Penn won’t play with the water gun?

Chapters 6-8:
Why does Penn want Crash to be his friend?
What kinds of toys does Penn have?
How is Penn different than other kids?
Why does Penn’s father say, “I’m beginning to see why they call you Crash?”
Why does Crash leave a meatball on Webb’s front steps?
How do Mike and Crash introduce themselves to each other?
When do the events in the first eight chapters occur?

Chapter 9- 15
Why does Mike pick on Webb?
What do you think the mysterious girl looks like?
What happened between Mike and Crash in the cafeteria? Why?
Why does the vice principal not punish Crash and Mike?
Describe the scene for tryouts in the gym.
How are Penn and Abby alike?
Describe Crash’s parents.
Why is Crash sorry that he asked his father to come to the football game?
What are “supermarket beauties?” Why does Crash call them that?
Why does Crash enjoy football?

Chapter 16 – 21
How does Crash react to the mouse?
How does Crash wish his parents were different?
What kind of relationship does Crash have with his father?
How does Crash get a touchdown?
Why does it bother Crash that Webb’s parent cheer for him?
Why is Crash so happy that Scooter has come?
How does Crash react when he tells his parents about the six touchdowns?
Why do you think Scooter comes to stay with the family?
What kinds of stories does Scooter tell Abby and Crash?
Chapter 22 – 27
How does Jane behave toward Crash?
What does the girl look like that Crash asked to dance?
Explain Crash’ motto “Life is football.”
How does Crash try to impress Jane?
Is Crash upset with Jane’s reaction?
Why does Crash ram Penn?
Why is Abby on TV?
What conflicts do Abby and her mother have?
Why does Crash start calling Jane “Hogface?”
Summarize the newspaper article about Crash.

Chapter 28 – 33
What kinds of foods does Crash’s family have for Thanksgiving?
Why does Abby have a wood pile in the backyard?
What happens when Crash sees Scooter running with the football?
Why is Crash so upset about the mouse in his gym bag?
How does Crash’s image of Scooter change?
Why doesn’t Crash go out when he sees Scooter outside?
How is the tree Crash wants different than the one his family has?
Why is Crash so angry when Penn and his family come over?
Why does Crash think he has to buy a present for Scooter?
What does he buy for Scooter?
What does Crash get for Christmas?
How does Crash feel on Christmas Day?

Chapters 34 – 37
Why did Crash get upset with Mike?
Why didn’t Crash tell Mike about what Penn gave him?
How does Crash react when he sees Scooter for the first time in the hospital?
What does Crash discover in the backyard?
Why doesn’t Abby like the catfish cakes that Crash made?
What changes does Crash notice in himself?
Why do you think Webb was running?

Chapter 38 – 43
What does Crash’s mother say about the shoes under his bed?
Summarize Webb’s essay about his grandfather.
Why does Crash give Webb his paper?
What does Abby say to convince her father not to kill the weeds?
According to Crash, how do track and football differ?
Why does Crash go to Mike’s house?

Chapter 44 – 49
Describe the Penn Relays.
How many students from Crash’s school will participate?
How is Scooter’s life different?
Why did Crash’s mom decide to stop working so much?
What does Crash day dream about?
Why does Crash let Penn win the race?
How does Penn’s team do at the Penn Relays?
How does Scooter surprise the family?
What does Crash learn about his mother?
Why does Crash think Scooter’s health improved?
How has Crash’s family changed at the end of the novel?