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Economic Cartoons

Study this cartoon and review the section entitled "Corporate Combinations" beginning on page 198 before answering the questions below.

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"This is your first merger isn't it?"

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- 1. (a) Who are the two men in the cartoon? (b) What is the man with the suspenders doing?
- 2. Comparing How do the attitudes of the two men toward the merger differ?
- 3. Drawing Inferences What does the cartoonist suggest is the impact of mergers on employees?

4. Synthesizing Information What are the potential advantages of a merger for owners?

5. Recognizing Points of View What reason might the man with the suspenders have for being nervous or fearful about a merger?

