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Answer Key

Reading Comprehension: Problem and Solution 1

Problem

A conflict between:

- two or more characters
- a character and nature
- a character and herself

*Usually found at the beginning of a story.

Solution

The way in which a problem is solved.

*Usually found at the end of a story.

Directions: Read the passages and complete the chart.

| | Problem | Solution |
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| I. A Package at the Door | | |
| On Friday afternoon, the doorbell rang. Ricky ran to the front door to see if his package arrived. He was so excited that he threw open the door. He didn't even think about his dog, Shadow. Shadow darted out the door. He was down the street in a blink of the eye. Luckily, the mailman noticed the dog as it sprinted past him. The mailman chased after Shadow, grabbed his collar, and walked him back to Ricky. Phew, that was close! | The dog, Shadow, escaped from the house. | The mailman chased after the dog and returned him to Ricky's house. |
| 2. Basketball Practice Blues Garrett and Jeffrey took turns at the hoop practicing their free throws. Usually Garrett sunk his free throw shots with no trouble, but something was off today. He had not made a single shot. Jeffrey was on fire, though! He made every single free throw shot from the line. Coach McElroy noticed and came to talk to Garrett. "If you adjust your feet," he said, "your shot will go straight." To Garrett's surprise, he made the rest of his free throws! | Garrett was having trouble making his free throws at basketball practice. | Coach McElroy offered Garrett some pointers about his feet that helped him improve his shot. |
| 3. Report Card Time Maci knew she had earned some good grades and some bad grades. Even though Maci knew her parents would be disappointed, she always followed the rules. She would give them the report card when she got home. When she arrived home, she realized that the report card was not in her binder when she got off the bus. She must have lost it somewhere! Instead of panicking, she made a plan. Maci decided to talk to her teacher about it the next day. Her teacher thanked her for being responsible. She printed Maci a new report card to take home. The teacher even put it in a special envelope. | Maci lost the report card she was supposed to give to her parents after school. | Maci told her teacher the truth and her teacher printed her a new report card to take home to her parents. |

