

## Reaction Tracker Answer Key

1. **Event:** Caleb drops his note cards and becomes nervous in front of the audience.
2. **Reaction:** He takes a deep breath, picks up the cards, apologizes, and continues his speech.
3. **Reveals:** Caleb is learning to stay calm, be responsible, and not give up easily.
4. **Moves Story Forward:** His decision to continue allows the presentation to go on and shows his growth during the moment.

### Teacher's Guide

- Explain that **character reactions help readers understand personality, growth, and motivations.**
- Encourage students to underline verbs in the passage that show how the character behaves under pressure.
- For differentiation, provide guiding questions such as "What did the character do next?" or offer sentence starters for each chart box.
- For extension, have students rewrite the scene with a different reaction to show how the story would change, or let students create their own passage where a reaction shows character growth.