

Wooden What-If Answer Key

Sample Alternative Ending

If Pinocchio had listened to his father, Geppetto, and gone to school instead of following strangers, he would not have fallen into danger. He might have quickly learned the value of honesty and responsibility. With his good choices, the Blue Fairy could have rewarded him sooner by turning him into a real boy. Pinocchio and Geppetto would have enjoyed their life together without so many troubles. This version shows that making wise choices early can bring happiness faster, though the lesson may not feel as powerful.

Teacher Notes

- Encourage students to explore **cause and effect**: how one different choice can change the ending.
- Differentiation: Provide sentence starters such as *"If Pinocchio had told the truth..."* or *"Instead of lying, he could have..."*.
- Extension: Ask students to compare their new ending with the original. Which teaches the stronger lesson, and why?