Prompt Lab: What Went Wrong? Answer Key

1. Recycling is good because it makes the world better. You should do it because it's nice.

Correct Answer: B. Facts and details about *how* recycling helps
Explanation: The answer is vague and moral-sounding but lacks concrete examples or explanations (e.g., saving resources, reducing waste).
Teaching Note: Discuss how "details" give substance to ideas.

2. The Civil War was important because people fought. There were sides and something about freedom.

Correct Answer: A. Topic focus (what to explain)
Explanation: The AI doesn't know whether to explain *causes*, *effects*, or *key events.* The missing context is what specific aspect of the Civil War to address.
Teaching Note: Reinforce that prompts must tell the AI what *angle* to take.

3. Exercise is bad and good. Some people do it. Some people don't.

Correct Answer: A. The purpose (to inform, persuade, or entertain)
Explanation: The AI doesn't know whether to explain benefits, tell a story, or convince readers to exercise - so the tone is neutral and aimless.
Teaching Note: Help students see that *purpose* gives direction and attitude.

4. The water cycle is fun and cool. Rain happens. Water goes around somehow.

Correct Answer: C. Details and explanations
Explanation: The AI's language shows interest but lacks scientific clarity - it needs specifics (evaporation, condensation, precipitation).
Teaching Note: Good example of "too general to be useful."

5. Teamwork is when people work together. Everyone should do teamwork, but sometimes they don't.

Correct Answer: A. Examples or situations
Explanation: The response defines teamwork but never illustrates it. Missing context might be an example (e.g., sports, school project).
Teaching Note: Encourage adding examples to ground abstract ideas.

6. Dolphins are really awesome animals. They are amazing and special. They do cool things.

Correct Answer: C. Specific facts or examples
Explanation: The answer has energy but no substance - it needs real facts (e.g., echolocation, intelligence, habitat).
Teaching Note: "Cool words" are not content; substance comes from facts.

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