

Standing Strong Answer Key

1. D
2. C
3. A
4. C
5. B

Teacher's Guide

Skill Focus: Builds understanding of resisting peer pressure, recognizing empathy, and making responsible choices.

Differentiation Tips:

- For emerging readers, read the story aloud and pause to define tricky words like "prank" or "trust."
- Provide sentence frames (e.g., "Mia felt ____ because ____") for students needing writing or comprehension support.

Engagement Ideas:

- Role-play the scenario and let students practice saying "no" in a calm, confident tone.
- Have students share times they made a kind or honest choice even when others didn't.

Extension Activities:

- Ask students to write a new ending showing how the group could choose a positive activity instead.
- Create a class poster titled "Ways to Stand Strong" listing examples of resisting negative pressure.