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Echo The Explorer Answer Key

Reflection Questions (Sample Answers):

1. Answers will vary. Example: "The sun was sinking low on the horizon" was easiest because it's calm.
2. Answers will vary. Example: "Tonight, I find the hidden cave" was hardest because it needs dramatic emphasis.
3. Expression makes the story feel alive. Sadness, bravery, or excitement come through in the voice.
4. Students might say they'd want to sound brave, determined, or curious.

Teacher's Guide / Notes

- **Model First:** Read each line with clear **intonation, pauses, and emphasis**. Encourage students to mirror your phrasing exactly.
- **Check for Matching Tone:** After a few lines, pause and ask, "Did our voices sound the same? How can we adjust?"
- **Encourage Variety:** Try reading the same line two different ways (serious vs. playful) and have students echo both styles.
- **Extend Practice:** Allow volunteers to lead the "teacher" role while classmates echo, building confidence in oral reading.