

Gap-Fill Adventure Answer Key

1. **decided** - Past tense matches "last summer."
2. **a** - Indefinite article fits since it is "a map," not previously mentioned.
3. **they** - Pronoun referring to Amelia and Ethan.
4. **was** - Past tense needed for "realized the compass was missing."
5. **can** → **could** - Past tense of ability is required ("I think we could find...").
6. **they** - Pronoun subject, matches plural.
7. **there** - "There lay a dusty compass..." introduces existence/location.
8. **was** - Past tense matches the story.

Teacher Notes / Guide

- This passage emphasizes **verb tense consistency** and **appropriate pronoun/article usage** in context.
- Students may be tempted to use present tense (e.g., "is" instead of "was"), but encourage them to rely on **time markers** like *last summer* to guide their answers.
- Extension: Have students rewrite the passage in **present tense** or **future tense**, changing all verbs and adjusting pronouns/articles as needed.