

## Fix The Problem Answer Key

Teachers should check for:

- A clear **problem** (the trail sign is pointing the wrong way and the group is unsure of the path).
- A clear **solution** (students figure out the correct way to return).
- Logical sequence and age appropriate transitions.
- Use of details that relate directly to the conflict and resolution.

There is no single correct answer. The focus is on identifying the problem and resolving it in a sensible way.

### Teacher's Guide

**Purpose:** This worksheet helps students understand how to build a narrative around a conflict and solution, a key element of plot development.

- Discuss what makes a problem in a story meaningful.
- Ask guiding questions: Who notices the sign? How do you test which way is right? What clues help you?
- Encourage students to think of several possible solutions before choosing one.

### Differentiation Tips:

- For emerging writers: Provide a simple organizer with two labeled boxes: Problem and Solution.
- For developing writers: Challenge them to include one extra complication before the solution.
- Offer a word bank with terms like **trail, sign, confused, group, clue, path, follow, return.**

### Engagement Ideas:

- Show students a picture of a forest trail or a nature sign to spark ideas.
- Act out a short scenario where students choose between two directions.
- Let partners share their problem and solution ideas before writing.