

Pause And Respond Answer Key

Sample Responses

1. Take a deep breath and talk calmly instead of grabbing the ball.
2. Walk away or tell a teacher instead of yelling.
3. I helped a friend who was sad after losing a game.
4. We could take turns choosing which game to play.
5. Listening and apologizing are two helpful steps toward a resolution.

Teacher's Guide

- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Read vocabulary aloud and give visual or real-life examples for each word.
 - Allow students to use sentence starters like "I could..." or "A good reaction would be..."
 - Provide simplified definitions for learners needing extra support.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Use a "Think Before You Act" role-play circle where students model impulse versus thoughtful reactions.
 - Have students create posters with each vocabulary word and a real-life example.
 - Encourage group discussions about how empathy and compromise help avoid conflicts.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Assign a short journal entry: "How does thinking before acting help me in school or at home?"
 - Create a "Problem-Solving Vocabulary Wall" with these and new related terms.
 - Challenge students to write a mini skit showing all five vocabulary words in action.