

Story Without Answers Answer Key

Model Answers

Passage 1

- Problem: The main actor forgot his lines.
- Solution: The teacher whispered the lines to him.
- What if unsolved? The play might have stopped, the audience would be confused, and the class might feel embarrassed.

Passage 2

- Problem: The water fountain broke on a hot day.
- Solution: The janitor fixed it.
- What if unsolved? Students would stay thirsty, possibly feel sick, and teachers would have to find another way to provide water.

Passage 3

- Problem: Jamal's science project board tore.
- Solution: His friend gave him tape to fix it.
- What if unsolved? Jamal's project would look incomplete or damaged, and his grade might suffer.

Teacher Notes:

- Encourage students to imagine **realistic consequences** if the solution didn't happen.
- This activity helps students think about **cause-and-effect** in reverse: what could go wrong if no solution exists.
- For enrichment: Have students create a short alternative ending where the problem is left unsolved.