

## New Solution Paths Answer Key

### Passage 1

- Problem: Mia's kite string was stuck in a tree branch.
- Solution in text: Teacher used a stick to free it.
- Possible alternative solutions: Mia could ask a taller classmate for help; she could wait for the wind to shake it loose; or she could climb partway up (safely supervised).

### Passage 2

- Problem: Carlos spilled juice on the floor.
- Solution in text: He used paper towels to clean it.
- Possible alternative solutions: Carlos could ask the janitor for a mop; he could block the area until help arrived; or he could use napkins from classmates.

### Passage 3

- Problem: Costumes were missing before the play.
- Solution in text: Art teacher found them in the supply closet.
- Possible alternative solutions: Students could make quick costumes out of classroom supplies; borrow clothing from friends; or change the play to fit without costumes.

### Teacher Notes:

- Encourage students to be creative but realistic in their endings.
- Some solutions may be silly or unusual; those are fine as long as they connect logically to the problem.
- Differentiation idea: Provide sentence starters like "Instead of..." or "Another way could be..." for students who need extra support.