

## Fix-It Journal Answer Key

### Passage 1

- Problem: The cafeteria ran out of pizza.
- Solution in the story: Staff gave students fruit and sandwiches.
- Possible Fix-It Journal answers: Ask students for their choice of another menu item, bring out leftovers from the kitchen, or offer free milk/fruit as an apology.

### Passage 2

- Problem: Mia's poster fell apart because the glue didn't hold.
- Solution in the story: Teacher gave her tape to fix it.
- Possible Fix-It Journal answers: Use staples, ask a classmate for stronger glue, or rebuild part of the poster on blank paper.

### Passage 3

- Problem: The hamster escaped its cage.
- Solution in the story: Students trapped it under a box.
- Possible Fix-It Journal answers: Place treats in the cage to lure it back, block exits with books, or ask a teacher to gently catch it with gloves.

### Teacher Notes:

- This activity builds **critical thinking and empathy** by letting students place themselves in the character's shoes.
- Encourage creative but **practical** answers.
- For differentiation: struggling students can use sentence starters ("If I were there, I would..."), while advanced students can explain *why* their solution might be better than the original one.