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Problem & Solution Hunt

Authors often write about a **problem** (something wrong or difficult) and a **solution** (how it gets fixed). To understand a passage fully, readers should be able to spot both.

Directions: Read each passage carefully. **Highlight (or underline) the problem** and **circle the solution** in each one.

Passage 1: When Maya came home from school, she found her dog's water bowl empty. The dog looked tired and thirsty. Maya quickly filled the bowl with fresh, cool water, and her dog happily drank it.

Passage 2: During the class art project, Marcus spilled paint all over his desk. He didn't want to get in trouble, so he grabbed paper towels and cleaned up the mess before it spread to other students' work.

Passage 3: The town park was filled with litter after a big weekend festival. People were upset that the park looked so dirty. Volunteers came together on Saturday morning to pick up trash and recycle bottles, making the park look beautiful again.

Extension Question: Why is it important for readers to notice both the **problem** and the **solution** in a text? Write 2-3 sentences to explain.
