

## Problem & Solution Hunt Answer Key

### Passage 1

- **Problem:** Dog's water bowl empty; dog thirsty.
- **Solution:** Maya filled the bowl with fresh water.

### Passage 2

- **Problem:** Marcus spilled paint on his desk.
- **Solution:** He cleaned it up with paper towels.

### Passage 3

- **Problem:** Park was filled with litter after the festival.
- **Solution:** Volunteers picked up trash and recycled bottles.

### Extension Question (Sample Answer):

It is important to notice problems and solutions because they show how challenges are overcome. This helps readers understand cause-and-effect, follow the story's flow, and connect actions to outcomes.

### Teacher Notes:

- Encourage students to physically mark the problem and solution (with highlighters or circles) to reinforce visual learning.
- For differentiation: provide sentence starters such as "The problem is..." and "The solution is..." for younger or struggling readers.
- Advanced learners can be asked to suggest an **alternative solution** for each passage.