

Bridge Of Fears Answer Key

1. **Internal Conflict:** Daniel struggles with his fear of heights, shown when he hesitates and imagines the planks breaking ("His stomach twisted as he imagined the planks breaking under his weight").
2. **External Conflict:** The physical challenge of crossing the unstable, windy bridge, and the responsibility of helping his sister and finding the dog ("The wind picked up, rattling the loose boards").
3. **Which conflict was more powerful?** Answers may vary, but many will say the **internal conflict** is more powerful because Daniel's fear nearly stops him, and overcoming it drives the story's climax. Some may argue the **external conflict** is more powerful since without the bridge and his sister's need, Daniel wouldn't face the challenge.
4. **Resolution:** Daniel resolves his internal conflict by finding the courage to cross despite his fear, and he resolves the external conflict by safely reaching his sister, giving her comfort and hope.

Teacher Notes:

- Emphasize how stories often contain both conflict types working together.
- Guide students to see how **internal fears** can amplify **external challenges**.
- Encourage open-ended discussion on which conflict mattered more; there's no single right answer, but reasoning with evidence is key.