

## Setting Sparks Action Answer Key

### 1. Setting:

- A dock during a storm with lightning, waves, and strong winds.

### 2. Plot event:

- A rope snaps, and the family's boat begins drifting into open water.

### 3. How the setting causes the event:

- The storm's strong winds and waves create the conditions that break the rope, which drives the plot by forcing Jamal to act. Without the storm, this problem would not have happened.

### 4. Sunny day version:

- The boat would stay tied securely at the dock. Jamal might check the ropes, but no crisis would occur. The plot would lack urgency or danger without the stormy setting.

### Teacher Notes

- The key skill is linking **cause (setting conditions)** with **effect (plot events)**.
- Stress that without the storm, the rope wouldn't snap, and the story would be completely different.
- Accept a variety of reasonable student responses for Q4, as long as they logically explain how plot events change.
- Extension: Ask students to create a short paragraph where **another setting (desert, forest, or city street)** causes a new problem that drives a plot forward.