

## Stronger Start Rewrite Answer Key

Many answers are correct. A strong revised beginning should:

- Give readers more information than the dull beginning.
- Set up the middle by hinting at something that could go wrong or something the character wants.
- Connect logically to an imagined middle and ending.
- Include at least one strategy from the guide such as setting, action, or mood.

### Teacher's Guide

- Explain that the beginning should prepare the reader for what is coming next in the story.
- Model before-and-after revisions to show how a small detail can strengthen the start.
- Encourage students to read their rewritten beginning aloud to check if it feels engaging.
- Differentiation ideas:
  - Provide sentence starters such as **As I stepped inside...** or **I hurried toward the doors because...**
  - Offer a bank of sensory words for students who need extra support.
- Engagement ideas:
  - Let students share their rewritten beginnings in small groups and vote on which ones create the most curiosity.
- Extension ideas:
  - Have students write a middle and end that match their new stronger beginnings.