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Big Idea Headlines Answer Key

Passage 1: *The School Garden*

Possible Headlines:

- Lincoln Students Grow Garden, Celebrate with Salad
- Elementary Class Harvests Vegetables for Party
- Students Work Together to Plant Healthy Garden

Why These Work: Short, focus on teamwork + food grown, skip unimportant details like watering.

Passage 2: *The Lost Puppy*

Possible Headlines:

- Student Helps Lost Puppy Find Its Home
- Maria Rescues Shivering Puppy After School
- Local Shelter Reunites Family with Missing Dog

Why These Work: Show kindness and action, clear resolution, under 10 words.

Passage 3: *The Science Fair*

Possible Headlines:

- Middle School Hosts Annual Science Fair
- Students Display Creative Experiments at Fair
- Judges Award Ribbons for Science Projects

Why These Work: Capture main event, highlight student projects, keep it concise.

Teacher Notes

- Remind students that **headlines are phrases, not full sentences**.
- Encourage them to focus on the **“who” and “what”** while cutting out extra words.
- Practice trimming long headlines by removing unnecessary details.
- **Extension:** Have students create **two different headlines** for the same passage: one serious, one playful. Then compare how the tone changes the message.