

Justice And Grace Answer Key

Sample Answers

Story 1: "The Broken Window"

- **Theme:** *True justice means taking responsibility and making amends for one's actions.*
- **Resolution:** Ryan and his brother work to repay the neighbor for the broken window, showing fairness and accountability.
- **Focus:** Justice – because the characters repair harm through honesty and effort.

Story 2: "The Forgotten Lunchbox"

- **Theme:** *Forgiveness can replace anger with empathy and understanding.*
- **Resolution:** Tara forgives Mia instead of punishing her, showing compassion over revenge.
- **Focus:** Forgiveness – because the story highlights emotional healing rather than restitution.

Reflection (Sample Response):

Both stories show that doing what's right can be difficult but rewarding. Ryan's story emphasizes fairness and responsibility, while Tara's shows that understanding others can lead to peace. Justice and forgiveness can coexist—justice repairs the wrong, and forgiveness repairs the heart. Of the two, Tara's story feels more powerful because it shows kindness overcoming anger, which is often the harder choice.

Teaching Tips:

- Begin with a discussion: "What do justice and forgiveness mean? Can they happen together?"
- Encourage class debate: Which character shows more strength: Ryan for choosing fairness or Tara for choosing compassion?
- Emphasize that both characters experience **moral growth**, even though they reach it in different ways.