What’s Your Solution?

Purpose & SOL

- Students will be able to identify the problem and solution in stories to demonstrate comprehension of characters, settings, and plot
- Language Arts SOL 2.8 f

Materials

- Problem task cards (see attached)
- Answer sheet (see attached)

Introduction

- Explain to students that they will be creating their own personal solutions to the given problems. Their answers may not match their classmates, but they should be able to give reasons as to why they came up with that solution.
- As a class write a solution to one of the problems given.
- Introduce what exercise or series of exercises the class would like to complete upon completing a card.

Implementation

1) Problem task cards are placed in a centralized location (typically face down).
2) Students retrieve a card by walking, skipping, hopping, marching, etc. and bring it back to their seat.
3) They will then read the problem and write their individual solution in the corresponding space on the answer sheet. Students will write in complete sentences.
4) After completing the problem they will do the exercise listed on the card, or complete a set number of an exercise picked by the class prior to the start of the activity.
5) Then they return the card face down and grab a new one.
6) Play continues until they have completed all of the cards or time is up.

Cool Down

Share some problems and solutions students came up with while slow motion stretching and breathing together.

Modifications

This active lesson can be played in partners or individually.

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Annie loves bananas. She eats them every day for breakfast, but today there are no bananas left. How can Annie solve this problem?

Parker has a cold and doesn’t feel like himself. His head and throat hurts. What should Parker do next?

Cole was late for the school bus. He stood outside his door and watched as it passed by his house. How can Cole solve this problem?

Jon’s best friend is moving to another state. Jon is very sad and will miss his friend very much. What can Jon do to feel better?
Question

Jennifer likes to run in races, but she is not very fast. She has come in last in every race she has entered. What can Jennifer do to fix this problem?

Question

Scott wants a new bike, but his dad says that he has to wait until his birthday. Scott cannot wait until then. What can Scott do to help?

Question

Mom’s car won’t start so that she can get to work. She is going to be late. What should she do next?

Question

Penny has plans to play outside with her friend today. It starts to rain hard. How can Penny solve her problem?
Bryan loves to listen to music on his ipod. Today it slid off his desk and broke. What is a way that Bryan can solve his problem?

Mike always packs his lunch for school. Today he forgot his lunch at home. What can Mike do for lunch today?

Sarah went to the movies with her family. They were late getting there and the movie had already started. What can Sarah’s family do now?

Sam hit his head on his desk. He now has a big bump on his head. What should Sam do next?
Question

Hannah saw a friend cheating on a test. She knows that this is wrong. What should Hannah do next?

# 13

Question

Beth saw two kids fighting on the playground. What do you think Beth did to solve this problem?

# 14

Question

Kelly shared a secret with Mary. Mary told other people Kelly’s secret and now Kelly is mad. How can Mary get Kelly to forgive her?

# 15

Question

Tommy loves to read, but one day he lost his library book. Tommy cannot check out any new books because his book is lost. What should Tommy do now?

# 16
Kyle is always forgetting his homework. He has started to get in trouble because of it. How can Kyle solve his problem? # 17

Steve is really tired because he stayed up watching t.v. all night. He is now grouchy and cannot keep his eyes open. What should Steve do? # 18

While working on a project, Josh cut his finger. Now his finger is bleeding. What will help Josh? # 19

Pam was riding her bike and her tire went flat. Now she cannot ride to a friend’s house. What is a solution for Pam’s problem? # 20
Angie ate a big meal that was full of onions and garlic. Now she has very bad breath. What is a possible solution for Angie’s problem?

Toby is reading a great book, but he has gotten to a word he doesn’t know. What can Toby do to help himself?

The trashcan in Emily’s kitchen is overflowing. Nothing else will fit! How can Emily solve this problem?

Jessica’s dog darted out the front door and is running around free in the front yard. What should Jessica do next?