




## Problem & Solution • Rescue Teams • 1

To help you identify a problem or solution as you read, remember:

- A **problem** is a difficult situation that needs to be fixed.
- A **solution** is a way of dealing with a problem or difficulty.
- **Signal words** such as *problem*, *challenge*, *solve*, *fix*, and *solution* help describe the problem and solution.

### Problem & Solution Text Marks

-  Box the **signal word**.
-  Circle the **problem**.
-  Underline the **solution**.




Read "Buried Alive!" Find a problem and solution.  
Then mark the text.

### Buried Alive!

An earthquake sends shock waves through the ground. Buildings fall down into piles of rubble. Rescuing people buried under the rubble is a huge challenge. Rescue teams have special ways to solve the problem. They use microphones to hear the victims. They use dogs to locate them. Then they tunnel through the rubble to pull out the survivors.

### Mark the Text

Find the problem and the solution.

-  Box the signal words.
-  Circle the problem.
-  Underline the solution.

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Read "Air Lifts." Find the problems and solutions. Then mark the text.



### Air Lifts

**1** In an avalanche, snow comes crashing down a mountain. People in the way face a terrible problem. They are buried under a ton of snow. How do they survive? Mountain rescue teams solve the problem. They fly helicopters into the area. They find survivors by radio signals or rescue dogs. Then they dig out the victims. Sometimes, there are just minutes to spare.

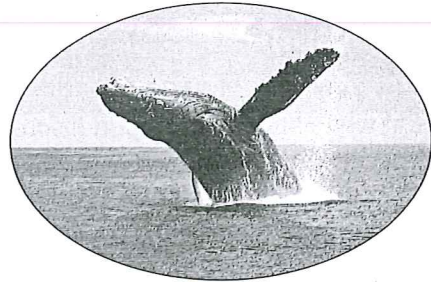
**2** Heavy rains cause flash floods. With little warning, people are trapped in their houses by floodwaters. There is no way to walk, drive, or swim away. Helicopters solve the problem by flying into flood areas. Rescuers lift people off their roofs and carry them to safety.

### Mark the Text

- 1** Find the problem and the solution.
- Box the signal words.
- Circle the problem.
- Underline the solution.
- 2** Find the problem and the solution.
- Box the signal words.
- Circle the problem.
- Underline the solution.

## Problem & Solution • Rescue Teams • 3

Read "Animal Emergencies." Find the problems and solutions. Then mark the text.



### Animal Emergencies

**1** Even animals need special rescues. Every year, a number of whales lose their way in the ocean. They become stranded on beaches. It's a big problem to get them back into the water. Rescue teams fix the problem with a crane. They lift up the whale in a big canvas sling. Then they drop it back into the ocean.

**2** Oil slicks are a deadly problem for coastal birds. When oil coats the birds' feathers, they can't fly or clean themselves. Rescuers solve the problem by cleaning the feathers with a special chemical. Then they return the birds to their homes in nature.

#### Mark the Text

- 1** Find the problem and the solution.
- Box the signal words.
  - Circle the problem.
  - Underline the solution.
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