Practice with Problem & Solution

Problem: A conflict between the main character and nature, himself, or another character. The problem is usually found in the beginning of the story.

Solution: The way in which the problem is solved. The solution is usually found at the end of the story.

Directions: Read each passage and complete the chart.	Problem	Solution
1. A Hungry Dog Nico was supposed to feed his dog, Bo, every morning. But today he was running late for school. As he hurried to get dressed, he forgot to fill Bo's bowl. When he got home that afternoon, he discovered that Bo had tipped over the trash can and eaten some of the garbage. There was trash everywhere, so Nico cleaned up the mess and filled Bo's dish with food. "Sorry Bo," Nico said as he patted him on the head.	First, _____ _____ _____. Then, _____ _____ _____.	So, _____ _____ _____. Finally, _____ _____ _____.
2. Abuelita's Gift When Maria turned 10, her abuelita gave her a very special gold bracelet. It had been in the family for many years. However, a week after her birthday, Maria lost the bracelet. She knew her family would be disappointed in her. Since she didn't know where to start looking, Maria decided to hang up posters around town. She drew a picture of the bracelet and promised a $10 reward if anyone found it. Luckily, a neighbor found the bracelet and returned it to Maria. She was so happy to have it back!	First, _____ _____ _____. Then, _____ _____ _____.	So, _____ _____ _____. Finally, _____ _____ _____.
3. The Math Test On Monday, June's teacher announced that there would be a math test later in the week. June wasn't worried. She was great at math! After school, she played video games instead of studying. However, when the teacher handed out the test on Friday, June realized that she didn't know anything about geometry. After school, she asked her teacher for some extra math worksheets. She knew that if she practiced, she would be prepared for the next test.	First, _____ _____ _____. Then, _____ _____ _____.	So, _____ _____ _____. Finally, _____ _____ _____.