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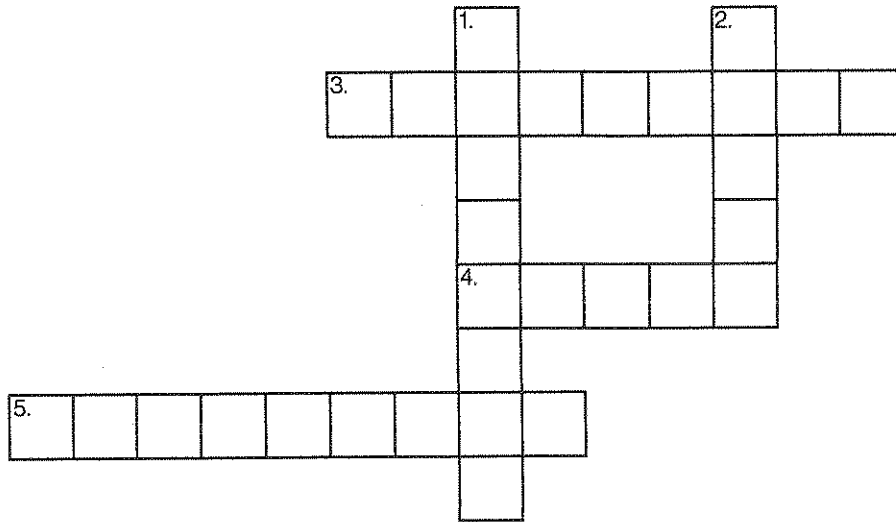
hilarious
handy

dizzy
whirlwind

nowadays
mischief

independence
convinced

Fill in the sentences below with words from the box. Then use the words in the blanks to complete the puzzle.



1. I never get into _____ when I'm inventing something!
2. But when success goes to my head, I feel _____!
3. Ideas come to me suddenly. They blow in like a _____.
4. My next invention will come in _____ for people who hate waiting.
5. I am _____ that I will make millions!

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In both fiction and nonfiction stories, someone may face a **problem** then find a **solution**, or a way to solve it.

Read the passage. Then answer the questions that follow.

Wangari Maathai is an African woman who wanted to help her people. She knew that the land of her country, Kenya, needed more care. She also knew that many Africans did not have enough food. She had an idea. She got women to start planting trees. Since 1976 the Green Belt movement has helped 80,000 women plant and care for more than 20 million trees! The environment has improved, and people now eat the bananas, mangoes, and papayas that grow on the trees.

Tree planting is not the only way Maathai has helped the environment. When plans were made to build a skyscraper in Nairobi's only park, she organized demonstrations against it and wrote letters to stop it. She was put in jail, but her letters and the public protests stopped the building from being built. For her work Wangari has received many honors, including the Nobel Peace Prize.

1. Who is this passage about? _____

2. What is one problem Maathai faced?

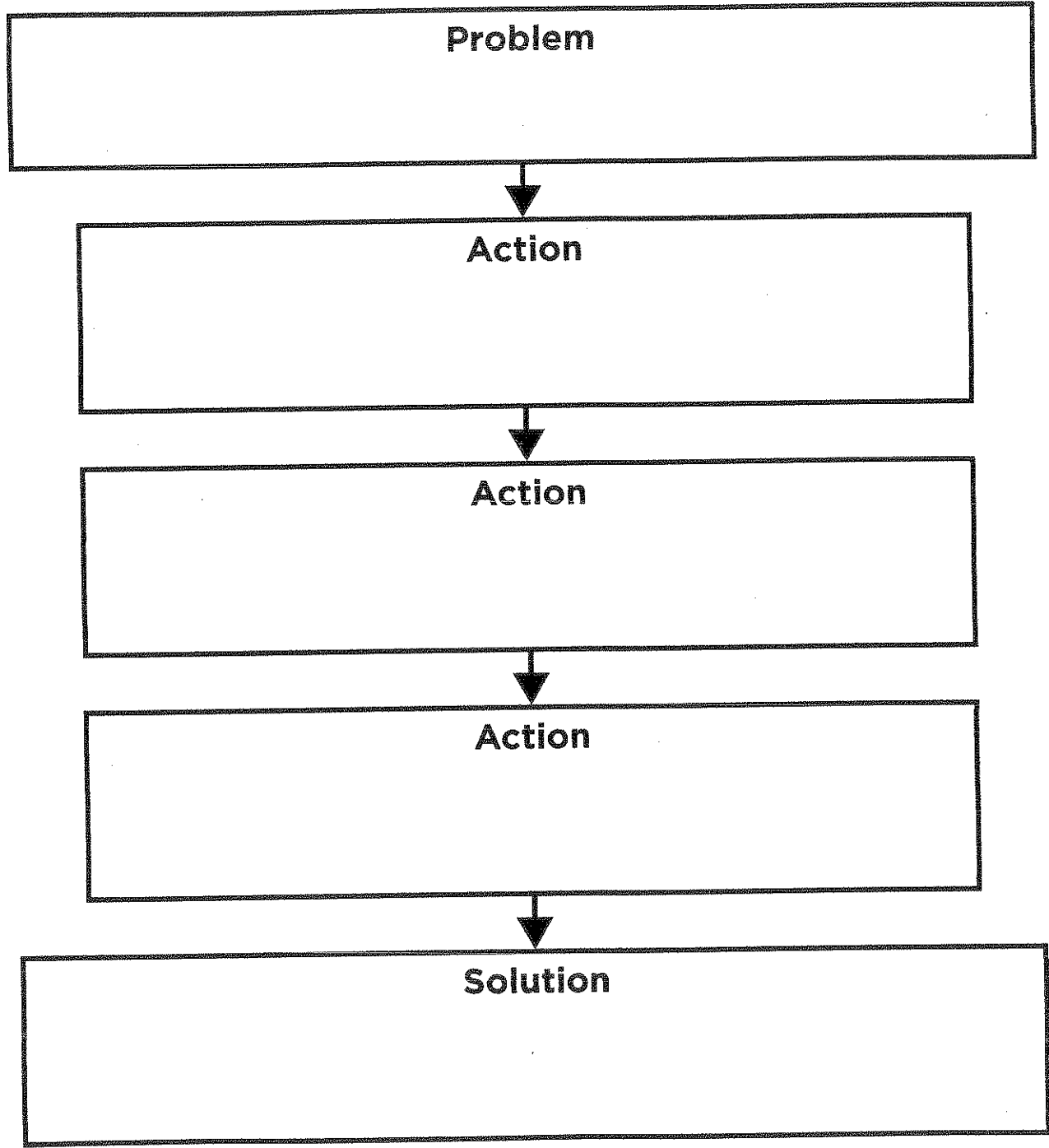
3. What other problem did Maathai face?

4. What solution did she come up with?



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As you read *How Ben Franklin Stole the Lightning*, fill in the Problem and Solution Chart.



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How does the information you wrote in the Problem and Solution Chart help you to generate questions about *How Ben Franklin Stole the Lightning*?



At Home: Have the student use the chart to retell the story.

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As I read, I will pay attention to match my tempo with the energy of the passage.

What would the world be like without light bulbs?
 9 We have Thomas Edison to thank for that bright idea!
 19 He also invented the phonograph and motion pictures.
 27 Thomas Edison is the most famous American inventor.
 35 He came up with more than 1,000 new devices. He worked
 45 with electricity and technology to make our daily lives
 54 better.
 55 Find out how this one man changed history through his
 65 inventions.
 66 The 1800s have been called "The Age of Invention."
 74 That is because many things were invented at that time.
 84 It seemed like a **whirlwind** of inventions!
 91 The first steamboat, steam-engine train, and airplane
 98 were invented during this time. The telephone was invented
 107 too. These inventions changed the way people lived and
 116 worked. 117

Comprehension Check

- How did Thomas Edison's inventions solve problems? **Problem and Solution**
- When the author says that Thomas Edison is the most famous American inventor, is this statement a fact or opinion? **Fact and Opinion**

	Words Read	–	Number of Errors	=	Words Correct Score
First Read		–		=	
Second Read		–		=	



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Figurative language, such as metaphor and similes, uses words in fresh ways to suggest vivid images.

Metaphor: Sam is a tower of strength.

Simile: That man was as strong as a horse!

Alliteration is the repetition of the same first letter or consonant sound in a series of words. It was **B**lake's **B**lue **B**lanket.

Read the poem. Then circle or fill in the correct answer.

The wonderful wheel, which changed the world,
is as round as a ring and rolls and twirls
for carts and coaches,
cabbies and kings.

The wonderful wheel—oh, what bustle it brings!

- What is this poem about?
 - a wheel
 - a ring
- Which words in the poem show alliteration?
 - round, rolls, ring
 - twirls and changed
- Which is a simile?
 - carts and coaches
 - as round as a ring
- What is simile a type of?
 - alliteration
 - figurative language
- What are the two reasons why “carts” was placed with “coaches” and “cabbies” was placed with “kings”? _____



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Sometimes when the letter r comes after a vowel, the sound of the short vowel changes. Say the following words aloud and notice the sound of the vowels.

bat bar cat cart fox floor

The sounds of these vowels is shown as /är/ and /ôr/.

Circle the word with /är/ or /ôr/ to complete each sentence. Then write /är/ or /ôr/ on the blank at the end.

- Please close the _____ when you leave. _____
 dear door dare
- The _____ used watercolors to finish his painting. _____
 roar rear artist
- The _____ on the rosebush are sharp. _____
 horns thorns stars
- Ben Franklin's inventions _____ still in use today. _____
 care core are
- We are going to have a birthday _____. _____
 party pat trap
- My new scarf is nice and _____. _____
 warm calm pretty

