

Prompt sample: Problem and solution

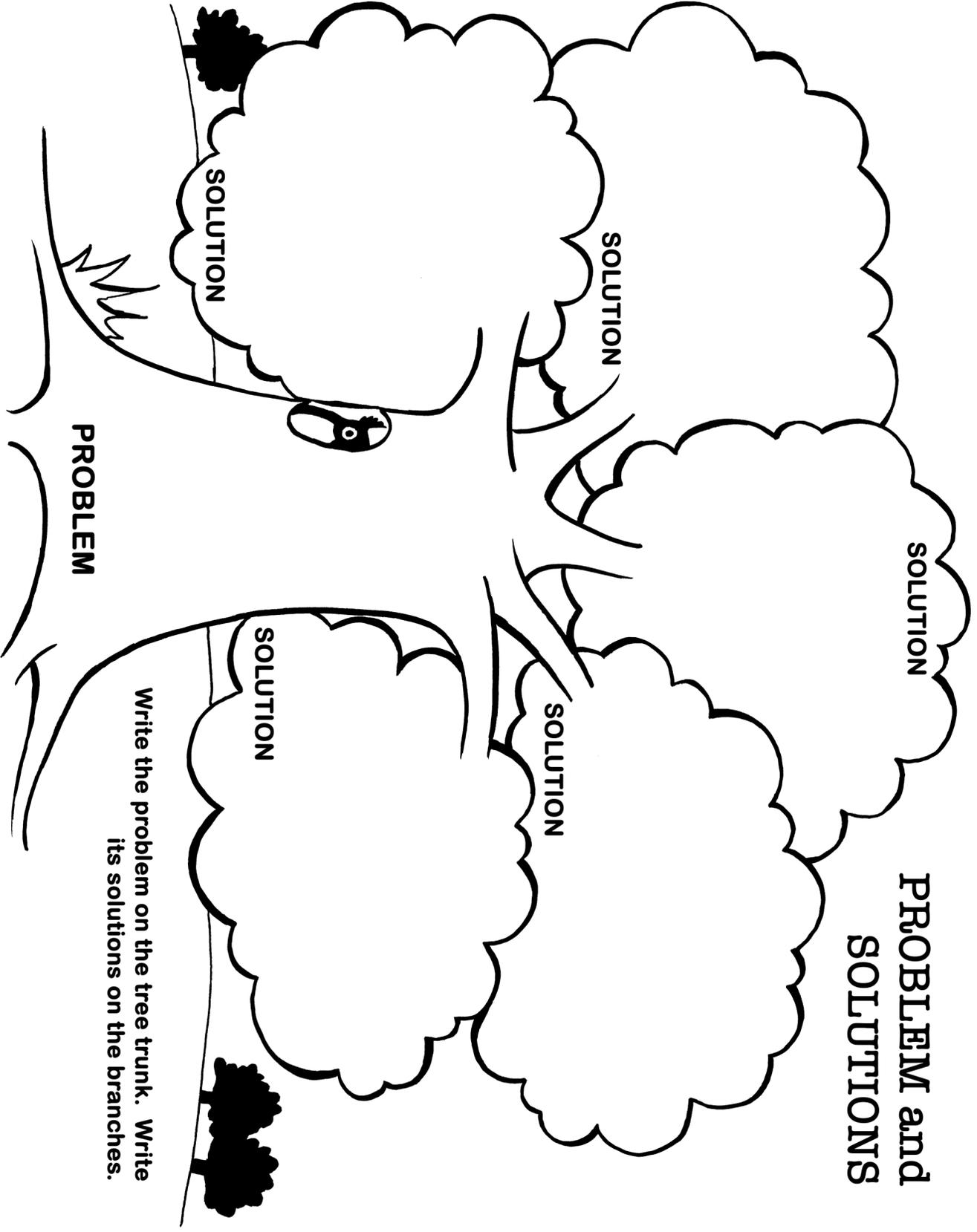
Sample Problem: You are the 6th Grade Principal and students and parents are complaining that 6th graders do not get to go outside enough during P.E. time. In one paragraph, explain two ways this problem could be solved.

(Suggestions: Morning recess with homeroom, discussion with P.E. teachers about the problem, extra recess during core subject time.)

Sample Solution Paragraph: If I were the 6th grade principal, I would allow more recess for students in two ways. First, I would discuss the parents' and students' concerns with the P.E. teachers, and talk to them about giving all students more opportunities to go outside. Secondly, I would try to create a schedule with 6th grade core teachers to build in recess time in their morning classes or later in the day once a week.

Reminders: Restate your prompt question and be specific with your answers.

PROBLEM and SOLUTIONS



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Write the problem on the tree trunk. Write its solutions on the branches.

Argumentative Prompts in the Workplace

1. You are a drawer manufacturer and your customers are complaining about not receiving their orders on time. In one paragraph, explain two ways your company will solve this problem.
(Suggestions: Hire more workers, work overtime, offer overnight delivery, offer discount or incentive for inconvenience)
2. You are a veterinarian and your clients are complaining that their cats and dogs are too close together while waiting for their visit. This is causing customers and their pets to feel unsafe and uncomfortable. In one paragraph, explain two ways this problem can be fixed.
(Suggestions: Alternate waiting room options, varied schedules)
3. You are a house painter. A customer has been unhappy with the amount of time it is taking for you and your co-worker to paint all the rooms inside her house. In one paragraph, explain two ways this problem can be solved.
(Suggestions: More co-workers, longer hours, increased number of painters per room, weekend work)