

Name _____

professional

essential

specialist

goal

research

serious

communicated

motivated

Use a word from the box to answer each question. Then use the word in a sentence.

1. What word might describe someone who does a job for money?

2. What is another word for *aim* or *purpose*?

3. What did the boy do when he wrote a letter to his grandmother?

4. What word might describe someone who is an expert?

5. What word means the opposite of *silly*?

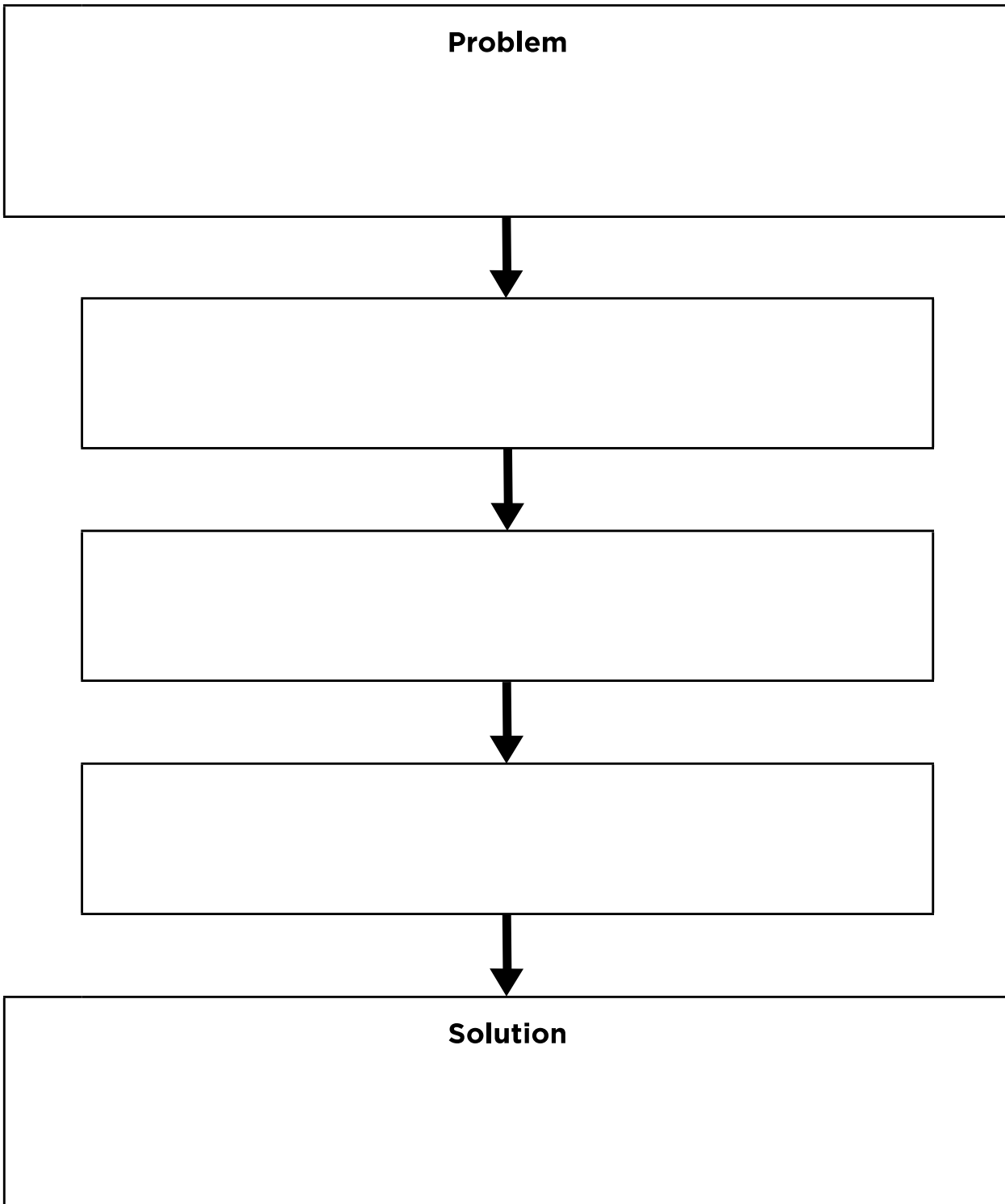
6. What do you need to be in order to take action?

7. What is another word for *necessary*?

8. What is another word for *careful study*?

Name _____

Read the selection. Complete the problem and solution graphic organizer.



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Name _____

Read the passage. Use the reread strategy to help you understand the biography.

John Glenn

11 Many people admire John Glenn as an American hero. He was
24 a pilot, an astronaut, and a U.S. senator. When he was 77 years
old, he became the oldest person ever to fly in space.

35 **Serving His Country**

38 John Glenn was born in Ohio in 1921. When he was 20 years
51 old, World War II broke out. Glenn signed up for the army. Yet he
65 was not called to serve. This was a problem for Glenn. He wanted
78 to serve his country. So Glenn joined the navy. There, he became
90 a pilot. As a pilot, Glenn fought in World War II and the Korean
104 War. Later, he joined the marines.

110 **First Place**

112 John Glenn kept flying after the war. He flew a plane faster
124 than the speed of sound. That's more than 768 miles per hour!
136 He flew the plane all the way across the country. Glenn was the
149 first person to do this. That's why he was picked to be in the U.S.
164 space program. The program is called NASA. At the time, there
175 were only six other astronauts in NASA.

182 Glenn trained for months. On February 20, 1962, Glenn flew
192 in a ship all the way around Earth. He was the first American to
206 orbit Earth.

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Serving in the Senate

John Glenn had become a famous astronaut. Still, he had another goal. He wanted to be a U.S. senator from Ohio. In 1964 Glenn campaigned for the U.S. Senate. Sadly, he had an accident and hit his head. He was badly injured. He could not keep running for the senate. Yet Glenn did not give up. He tried again. He used his skills as an orator, or public speaker. As a result, he won a senate seat in 1974.

John Glenn served in the senate from 1974 until 1998. During this time, he tried to stop the spread of nuclear weapons. Senator Glenn wrote a law. The law tries to stop people from getting and making nuclear weapons. It also gives rewards to countries that help in this effort.

One More Flight

John Glenn was 77 years old when he left the senate. He was not done serving, though. NASA wanted to find out how space travel affected older people. So they asked Glenn to help. Glenn agreed. In 1998 he flew one final time. He flew around Earth for nine days. He is the oldest person ever to fly in space. John Glenn is a real hero.



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John Glenn was the first American to orbit Earth. He served in the U.S. Senate from 1974–1998.

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A. Reread the passage and answer the questions.

1. Reread paragraph 2 on the first page of the passage.

What problem did John Glenn face?

2. How did signing up for the navy solve Glenn’s problem?

3. Reread paragraph 1 on the second page of the passage.

What problem did John Glenn face? What was the solution?

B. Work with a partner. Read the passage aloud. Pay attention to accuracy and phrasing. Stop after one minute. Fill out the chart.

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

Name _____

Bessie Coleman

In Chicago, Bessie worked with her brother Walter in a barbershop but still wanted more in life. When her brother John came home after World War I, he teased her, telling her how much better French women were. They had real careers; some even flew airplanes! After hearing this, Bessie decided to become a pilot. As an African American woman, though, she was unable to get a pilot's license in America. With friends' support, she was finally able to enroll in a pilot course in France.



National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Bessie Coleman received her pilot's license in France.

Answer the questions about the text.

1. How do you know this text is biography?

2. What text feature is included in the text?

3. How does the text feature help you understand the text?

4. What made Bessie Coleman want to become a pilot?

Name _____

Greek and Latin root meanings:

mir = wonder or amazement *or* = mouth *fin* = end

orb = circle *cid* = fall

Use the Greek and Latin roots from the box above to find the meaning of each word in bold below. Write the meaning of the word on the line. Then use each word in a sentence of your own.

1. **orbit** _____

2. **accident** _____

3. **orator** _____

4. **admire** _____

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A. Read each sentence. Underline the word with a vowel-team syllable. Then circle the vowel-team syllable.

1. He explained how to get to the lake from his home.
2. She is reading the novel that you gave me.
3. He repeats the sentence so we can write it correctly.
4. Mom had to presoak the shirt to remove all the dirt.
5. I think we forgot to tell him that important detail.

B. Read each sentence. Underline the word with the root *astro*, *graph*, *photo*, or *tele*. Write the word on the line and circle the root(s).

1. The astronaut told us about his space mission. _____
2. I checked out a biography on Thomas Edison at the library. _____
3. When I go to college, I want to take a photography class. _____
4. I hope to get a telescope for my birthday. _____
5. We really enjoyed the pictures in this graphic novel. _____

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Evidence is details and examples from a text that support a writer's ideas. This student wrote about how the author uses signal words to describe John Glenn's problem and how he solved it.

Topic sentence	→	In "John Glenn," the author used signal words to show how John Glenn solved a problem. At the beginning, John Glenn had a problem. He signed up
Evidence	→	for the army, but he was not called to serve. So he joined the navy and became a pilot. The word "so" helps me understand that this is how John solved his problem. Then John wanted to be a U.S. senator, but he lost. As a result, he tried again and won in 1974. The signal words "as a result" help me see that John was able to solve his problem by trying again. The
Concluding statement	→	author uses signal words to describe John Glenn's problems and how he solved them.

Write a paragraph about a text you read. Find text evidence to support how the author used signal words to show problem and solution.

Write a topic sentence: _____

Cite evidence from the text: _____

End with a concluding statement: _____

Name _____

A. Read the draft model. Use the questions that follow the draft to help you put the ideas in order.

Draft Model

It is a place to meet friends as well as learn. School is an important part of growing up. That’s why it is important to go to school. School teaches valuable skills, like reading.

1. Which should be the first sentence in the draft?
2. Which should be the last sentence in the draft?
3. How else should sentences be rearranged to improve the logic of the draft?

B. Now revise the draft by reordering the sentences in a way that makes sense.
