



UNIT 4 – WRITING SECTION WORKSHEET

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Problem and Solution Writing In problem and solution writing, you state a problem and you suggest a solution. To state the problem, you should use facts and statistics, and give examples. Then based on that information, you suggest a solution to the problem.

1 **Read.** Read about saving water. Underline the problems in red and the solutions in blue.

Save water outdoors!

The next time you water your lawn or flowers, think about this: half or more of all water used in cities goes to outdoor areas. This was a problem in Las Vegas over a decade ago. More than 60 percent of all water was used for outdoor spaces. So the city started a program that encouraged people to use desert plants in their yards. Desert plants are more appropriate for the Las Vegas climate. They don't require watering. The little rainfall in the area is enough for them. The city reduced water use by nearly a third. It made a big difference in water conservation.

People who live in areas where it rains a lot can make a difference, too. Using large water tanks, you can collect rainfall from the roof of your home and use it outdoors. One family in Virginia did just that—they installed a water tank and didn't need to use public water for outdoor watering.

You can make a difference! Be part of the solution, not a part of the problem!



1 **Read** *Save water outdoors!* in your Student's Book. How did the writer plan her writing? Read the steps.

1. First, the writer chose a topic and did some research on ways to save water outdoors: *How do people waste water in the yard? What could we do instead?* She then made some notes.



2. After reading about how people waste water outdoors, the writer wrote down some ideas. Next, she organized her notes in a T-chart. Complete the chart.

Problem	How do we waste water?	How could we save water?	Solution

3. The writer then supported these ideas.

Complete these examples with statistics from the text.

- More than _____ of all water was used for outdoor spaces.
- Las Vegas reduced the water the city used by nearly _____.

4. Next, she chose powerful facts to begin and end the text. This makes the reader interested in her writing.

How did the writer end her text? _____

5. Finally, the writer wrote the first version, called a draft, of her writing. Now it's time to plan your own writing.