

I'm A Problem-Solver

The best way to face a problem is to DO something. But what? In *Mountain Mission*, Russell and his team use lots of strategies!

Part 1: Find Your Problem-Solving Style

Circle the letter you would choose to solve each problem below.

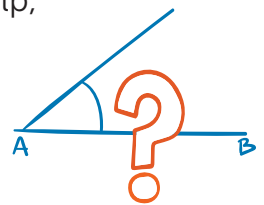


1. My friend seems angry with me. I'm not sure why. I would:

- a. Ask my other friend what I should do. They usually have good advice.
- b. Ask another friend if they know why my friend is upset.
- c. Tell my friend I can see they are mad and ask them to tell me what's wrong.
- d. Wait until recess, invite my friend to play and offer to share my snack with them.

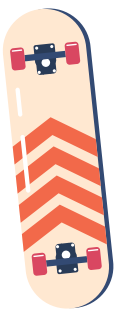
2. My math homework is confusing. I would:

- a. Ask the teacher to do more examples with me.
- b. Look in my notebook for more questions like the ones in my homework.
- c. Talk to my deskmates about what I've tried so far and what I'm going to try next.
- d. Try problems together with my friend after school. If I still need help, I'll ask my big brother.



3. I lost my sister's skateboard at the park. I would:

- a. Ask a friend to help me search the park for the skateboard.
- b. Ask the kids at the park if they've seen the skateboard and if they know where it went.
- c. Tell my sister what happened and ask how I can make it better.
- d. Make "Lost Skateboard" posters and hang them around the park.



Mostly A's	Mostly B's	Mostly C's	Mostly Ds	A Mix of Letters
The Support Seeker You know it's OK to ask for advice or support from someone you trust.	The Info Gatherer You hunt for more information that will help you decide what to do next!	The Talker You work through problems with words to help you see possible solutions more clearly.	The Planner You think about which steps you should take to solve your problem.	Flex-Solver You match different strategies to each problem, like getting help and info, talking, or planning.

Part 2: I'm a Super-Solver!

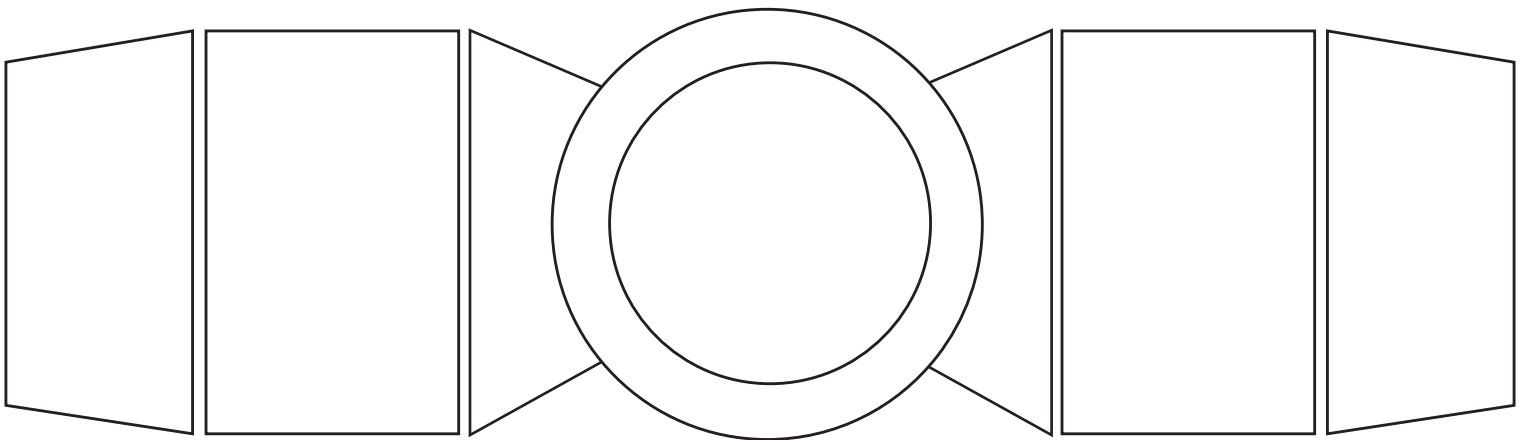
Check off some of your favorite problem-solving strategies. Then add a few strategies of your own to the list.

<input type="checkbox"/> Ask questions	<input type="checkbox"/> Talk it out	<input type="checkbox"/> Take a break and try again later
<input type="checkbox"/> Make a plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Make a list	<input type="checkbox"/> Ask "What would happen if?"
<input type="checkbox"/> Teamwork	<input type="checkbox"/> Get more info	<input type="checkbox"/> Break problem into smaller chunks
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“Start with what you know!”

— Eliza,
Mountain Mission

Choose 3–5 of the best problem-solving strategies. Write them in your superhero tactical belt below. You can even draw emojis for each one. Now you're well-equipped for a problem-solving adventure!



Write and illustrate a short story starring YOU—a problem-solving superhero! What problems do you encounter? Which strategies will you pull from your superhero belt to solve them?