Identifying Problems & Solutions

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What Should Jared Do?

In the spooky and fantastical play "The Spiderwick Chronicles," Jared faces problems both large and small, from coping with his family's move to being chased by an ogre. Understanding how Jared solves each problem can help you get a clearer idea about the kind of person Jared is.

Directions: As you read the play, keep a list of the problems Jared faces in the first column of the chart below. In the next column, jot down what he does to solve each problem. If you can't find a solution in the play, see if you can come up with your own idea about what Jared should do, and write it in the third column.

JARED'S PROBLEMS	SOLUTIONS IN THE PLAY	YOUR SOLUTIONS

Write Now!

Now, reread the chart above and think about what you've observed about Jared's character. On a separate piece of paper, write a well-organized paragraph describing Jared as a person. What can you infer about the way Jared solves problems in the play? What do you think will happen to him next?

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