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Theme of a Fable: Learn and Practice

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💡 Theme in Fables

- A fable is a short story, often with animals, that teaches a lesson.
- The theme is the big message. Look at what the characters do and what happens because of it.
- The bragging fox slipped and lost, so the theme is bragging can backfire.

1 Read: Two moose met on a narrow trail. Neither would step aside. They pushed and pushed until both tumbled into the creek. What is the lesson?

A. Trails should be wider B. Creeks are cold

C. Being stubborn can hurt everyone

D. Moose are very strong

2 Read: Each day, Beaver added one stick to his dam. Otter only played. When the spring flood came, Beaver stayed dry, but Otter had to beg for shelter. What is the theme?

A. Playing is always wrong

B. Otters are better swimmers

C. Steady work prepares you for hard times

D. Floods come every day

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B. the last word of the story

C. the lesson or message of a story

D. the place where it happens

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C. Kindness often comes back to you

D. Cats are always dangerous

5 Read: Fox bragged that he was the fastest. He stopped to show off and slipped in the mud. Rabbit kept running and won. What is the lesson?

A. Rabbits like to brag

B. Bragging and showing off can backfire

C. Foxes never lose races D. Mud is fun to play in

6 Read: Owl had many books but never read them. Squirrel had one book and read it every night. At the forest quiz, Squirrel won. What is the theme?

A. Books are expensive

B. Using what you have beats owning more

C. Owls are not very clever D. Quizzes are hard

7 Read: A young deer was told to stay near the herd. She wandered off and got lost in the fog until her mother found her. What is the lesson?

A. Listen to wise advice B. Always explore alone

C. Fog is pretty D. Deer are fast

8 Read: Bear helped a tiny bee out of a puddle. Weeks later, the bee led Bear to a tree full of honey. Which detail best shows that kindness is rewarded?

A. The bee led Bear to the honey

B. The puddle was deep C. Weeks went by

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Neither moose would give way, so both ended up wet.

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Beaver's daily work kept him safe when trouble came.

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The theme is the big idea the author wants you to learn.

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The mouse was kind first, and the sparrow returned the favour.

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Fox's showing off caused his fall. That is the lesson.

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Squirrel used his one book well. Owning lots did not help Owl.

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The deer ignored good advice and got into trouble.

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The honey is Bear's reward for helping. That detail supports the theme.