

# Theme

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Remember: The theme of a passage is the lesson the author is trying to teach.



**Read each passage and determine the theme the author is using.**

A 9-year-old boy looks down and sees that his pants are wet. There is also a puddle between his legs; he has peed his pants. This is an awful situation for any person to be in, but just when he thought this was the worst day in his life, Susie slips and spills a fishbowl of water right in the boy's lap. The boy is so happy that no one noticed before the water got spilt on him. The teacher rushes him to the nurse because his pants are soaked in fish water, his friends feel bad for him, and Susie whispers to him, "I've wet my pants too." Nobody ever knew the difference.

**What is the theme of this story?** \_\_\_\_\_

Once, a farmer had a good hen that laid a golden egg every day. The egg provided just enough money for the farmer and his wife for their day-to-day needs. They were happy for a long time. But one day, the farmer got an idea. He thought, "Why should I take just one egg a day? Why can't I take all of them at once and make a lot of money?"

The foolish farmer's wife agreed and decided to cut the goose's stomach open for all the eggs. As soon as they killed the poor bird and opened its stomach, all they found were its internal organs; not one single egg.

**What is the theme of this story?** \_\_\_\_\_

Four cattle lived in a forest near a grassy meadow. They were good friends and did everything together. Because they stayed so close together, tigers and lions were never able to kill them for food.

But one day, the friends fought, and each cow went to graze in a different direction. A tiger and a lion saw this and then decided that it was the perfect opportunity to kill the cows for their own food. They hid in the bushes and surprised the cows, one by one.

**What is the theme of this story?** \_\_\_\_\_