

THEME

task cards

Theme



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4th & 5th Grade

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* Suffix Challenge

Underline the suffixes in **red**.

26 Suffixes- ive/ative/tive

Someone who is _____ would make a good storyteller.

- a. unimaginative
- b. imaginative
- c. argumentative
- d. evaporative

38 Suffixes- logy/ology

Someone who has studied hydrology knows a g

volcanoes
water
rocks

Magi
CORE



29. Theme

Reggie put on his jersey and
But the game was called
Jenna planned a sleepover
But came down with a fever
Larry bought a new car
But the Internet was slow
Molly got a new dog
But she turned out to be a liar
David missed the bus
Which lost him his job

What message does the author want you to learn from this story?

a. It's good to have a backup plan.
b. It's good to be a famous celebrity.
c. You should always listen to your friends.
d. You should always listen to your parents.

2. Theme

Before the election for class president, the school held a debate in which students were allowed to question the candidates. Many had heard about the things Carly had promised and, naturally, they had questions for her.

"How do you plan on paying for all these things?" challenged one of the classmates.

"Um... there's probably enough money for everything," Carly replied nervously as her face turned red.

Even though Carly had one trusted her. In the end, she lost the election.

1. Theme

"You need to stop daydreaming and pay attention, young lady," Mrs. Frost scolded.

"I'm going to be a famous celebrity, so I don't need to learn science," Penelope responded with a dramatic eye roll.

Penelope never listened to Mrs. Frost's advice. She continued to ignore her schoolwork to pursue an acting career. Unfortunately, she wasn't a good actress and never got hired for any part. She failed her classes and had to go to summer school.

What message does the author want you to learn from this story?

a. Be kind to others.
b. It's good to have a backup plan.
c. Honesty is the best policy.
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30. Theme

Peggy Perfect makes her bed every morning as soon as she wakes. She does her homework right after school without even taking a break. When Peggy Perfect plays with her friends, she always lets them go first. She eats whatever her mother cooks, even onions and liverwurst!

What message does the author want you to learn from this story?

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30. Theme

Peggy Perfect makes her bed every morning and she does her homework right after school with When Peggy Perfect plays with her friends, she never forgets to walk the dog; she never answers every question right in class and "Why does she do everything right?" you ask. On Christmas cards come out, Peggy has all As. When Peggy asks a friend to play, the answer is "No." Not everyone can be as perfect as Peggy; it's just maybe a little of Peggy's perfect.

What message does the author want you to learn from this story?

a. It's no fun being perfect.
b. You should be perfect.
c. Don't be perfect.
d. There is no perfect.

29. Theme

Reggie put on his jersey and cleats. But the game was called on account of lightning. Jenna planned a sleepover, but came down with a cough that was frightening. Larry bought a new computer game, but the internet wouldn't work. Molly got a new bunkmate at camp, but she turned out to be a jerk. David missed the bus; Tony got caught in the rain; Elvis lost his homework; and Amber's new puppy is a pain. Sometimes the weather doesn't cooperate, or plans just don't work out. Things don't always go the way we like, but that's what life is about.

What observation about the theme?

a. There is no theme.
b. The theme is that life is unpredictable.
c. The theme is that life is about what you make of it.
d. The theme is that life is about what you want.

3. Theme

Leo knew that if he went inside, he'd surely be grounded for bullying and teasing his little brother. Instead, he decided to escape to the park and play soccer for a while until his mom cooled down. When he got to the park, Leo didn't see any of his friends but saw some older boys playing soccer. He summoned the courage to ask if he could join them. "We don't have room for little wimps," shouted one of the older boys. "Change your diaper!" Leo was embarrassed. He was embarrassed because he wasn't fun being bullied.

Which detail from the story do you want to be treated differently?

a. Leo went to the park.
b. Older boys playing soccer.
c. Leo teased his brother.
d. Leo didn't see any of his friends.

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2. Theme

Before the election for class president, the school held a debate. Which students were allowed to question the candidates? Many had heard about the things Carly had promised and naturally, they had questions for her. "How do you plan on paying for all these things?" challenged one of her classmates. "Um... there's probably one I haven't thought of yet," Carly replied nervously as her face turned red. Even though she had lost the election, Carly realized that she had learned a lot from the debate.

What message does the author want you to learn from this story?

a. Carly was a good candidate.
b. Carly was a bad candidate.
c. Carly was a good leader.
d. Carly was a bad leader.

Ways to Use Task Cards

1. **Centers**
2. **Scoot:** Pass out one card for each student. Set a timer and say, “Scoot!” when the timer goes off. Students move seats to the next card. They continue to rotate until they are back at their original seat.
3. **Scavenger Hunt:** Hide cards around the room. Students search for cards and answer them.
4. **Jenga:** Number Jenga blocks. Students stack the blocks, then take turns pulling blocks. Students answer the corresponding number card.
5. **Whole-Class Practice:** Teacher displays card on the projector. Students answer on mini whiteboards.
6. **Exit Tickets:** Give each student a task card at the end of the lesson. Have them answer on a sticky note.

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"Um... there's probably enough money for everything," Carly replied nervously as her face turned red.

Even though Carly had some great ideas to improve things at school, no one trusted her. In the end, she received very few votes and lost the election.

Which of these is an important theme in the story?

- Find something you're good at and try your best.
- Save your money for a rainy day.
- It's better to be liked than to be trusted.
- Don't promise something you can't deliver.

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"We don't have room for little wimps," shouted one of the older boys. "Run home, little baby, so your mommy can change your diaper."

Leo was embarrassed and walked away feeling very upset. He realized that it wasn't fun being bullied.

Which detail from the story is most important to the theme "Treat others the way you want to be treated"?

- Leo went to the park.
- Older boys were playing soccer.
- Leo teased his younger brother.
- Leo didn't see his friends.

4.

Theme

Fran and Emma were standing together at the bus stop when Lilly approached them.

"Guys, I just got the most amazing pair of sunglasses yesterday," Lilly announced, snapping a selfie. "Do you want to see how good they look with my - What's wrong?" Lilly questioned as the other girls turned away from her.

The pair of girls didn't turn to acknowledge Lilly. They didn't want to hear about her new sunglasses or anything else she planned to show them.

"Fine!" Lilly scoffed. "I'll just share them with all my true friends on social media."

What observation about the story is most helpful in determining its theme?

- Waiting for a bus can take a long time.
- Lilly is bragging about her sunglasses.
- Fran and Emma are best friends.
- Social media can be a bad influence.

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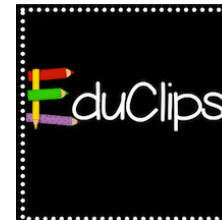
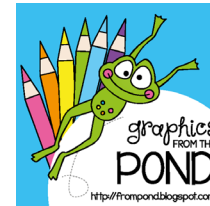


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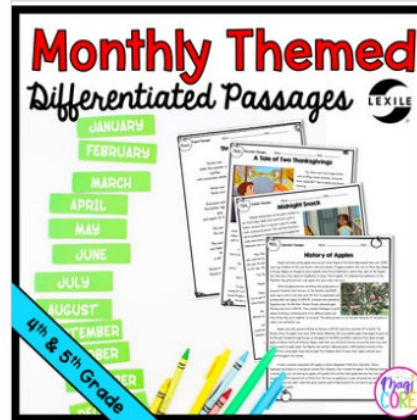


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