

Escape the Lost Library

Theme & Summary

Name: _____ Date: _____

Circle the best answer for 1 and 2. Answer 3 in complete sentences.

1. In a story, how can you figure out the theme?

- (A) Look at how the main character responds to a challenge and changes
- (B) Count the pages
- (C) Look only at the title
- (D) Find the longest word

2. Which sentence would NOT belong in a summary?

- (A) Nora lights the lamp.
- (B) The boat turns away from the rocks.
- (C) I think the story was too short.
- (D) Nora's father is sick.

Read: Nia wanted to win the spelling bee, so she practiced ten words every night. Her friend Jay said, "Why bother? You're already good." Nia kept practicing anyway. At the bee, the last word was "rhythm," a word she had missed twice in practice. She spelled it perfectly and won.

3. What is a theme of this passage? Support it with evidence.

Use RACE: Restate, Answer, Cite, Explain.

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Total: 5 points. Mastery: 4 or more.

#	Answer	Points
1	(A) Look at how the main character responds to a challenge and changes	1 point
2	(C) I think the story was too short.	1 point
3	R: A theme of this passage is about practice. A: The theme is that steady effort helps you succeed, even when others think it is not needed. C: The text says Nia "practiced ten words every night" and "kept practicing anyway," and she spelled "rhythm," a word "she had missed twice in practice." E: This shows that her effort, not just talent, helped her win, which teaches a lesson anyone can use.	3 points: Theme is a full sentence without names; Cites at least one quote; Explains how the evidence builds the theme.