

Summary Showdown

Theme & Summary

Name: _____ Date: _____

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

1. Which word should NEVER appear in an objective summary?

- (A) First
- (B) Then
- (C) I loved
- (D) Finally

2. In a drama, what are stage directions?

- (A) Lines spoken by the narrator
- (B) Notes that tell how characters move or act
- (C) The title of the play
- (D) The theme

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	(C) I loved	1 point
2	(B) Notes that tell how characters move or act	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.