

THEME

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Theme

Laura cautiously checked the email link Ken sent her.
"It's the teacher's copy of Mr. Chapman's math workbook. It has the answers to all his homework, quizzes, and tests," Ken exclaimed.

"I'm deleting this," she declared. "It's cheating, and I'm not getting in trouble."

For the rest of the year, Ken cheated his way through math class. He never actually learned anything but ended up with an A. Laura, in comparison, spent several hours working through Mr. Chapman's problems on her own each week and ended up with a B-.

The following year, Ken couldn't find an online edition of the math book. He struggled all year long and received Ds and Fs on his report card. Laura, on the other hand, was extremely prepared and easily breezed through the class, receiving As on her report card.

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Which of these is an important theme in the story?

A good friend wants others to succeed in school.

Working hard in school means you'll always get good grades.

When you cheat, you only cheat yourself.

Being greedy often means you end up with nothing.



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Life on the island since the shipwreck had certainly not been easy. Jared had to struggle to find food, fresh water, and shelter to meet his most basic needs. At first, it was an all-day struggle to catch even one fish to eat or to get a fire started. In time, Jared became an expert at these skills, growing better and better each day. Eventually, he was able to focus his attention on other tasks instead of daily survival.

He planned what to do in case of a tropical storm. He prepared different ways to signal for help if a ship or plane should appear. After waiting for several months, the opportunity came for Jared to use his signal fire. The pilot of the passing airplane saw the smoke and radioed for a boat to rescue Jared.

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

Jared had to wait a long time before an airplane passed by.

The airplane couldn't rescue Jared, but the boat could.

Surviving on the island was difficult at first.

Jared was on the island because of a shipwreck.

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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 poem is most helpful in determining its theme?

There are more boy characters than girls.

Nothing worked out the way the characters planned.

Some of the problems can be controlled, but some can't.

The characters had a good attitude even when things didn't go their way.