

RL 4.2 Determine a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text.

Gina could not believe it. She had barely passed her science class again. She took the report card home and felt sad for days. Although she had done well in the other classes, science just was not her thing.

“Mom, I need help,” Gina said one day. “I have tried, but I can’t get better in science!”

“I knew you were struggling, but I didn’t know you were having such a hard time.” Gina’s mom said lovingly. “Of course, I will help you.”

So, Gina spent two hours every day studying her science book. She asked her mom any question she had trouble with. Gina even stayed after class to learn more from her science teacher.

Gina was surprised to know that she started understanding things better. When it was time for the next science exam, she felt ready. Before she knew it, Gina made a B on her science exam.

Which of these best shows the theme of the story?

- A. It is important to be thankful for your gifts.
- B. If you work hard, you will be rewarded.
- C. Always be brave and face your enemies.
- D. Never judge a person by his or her looks.