

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

Ali was the friendliest boy in town. He helped anyone who asked him for anything. Everyone smiled when they saw Ali riding his bicycle and selling newspapers. Little Ali was also popular in school. After all, who would not like a happy kid like Ali? Even Ali thought he made friends everywhere he went.

One morning, as Ali was on his newspaper route, he tripped over a rock. He got bruised and went home in a lot of pain. The doctors told him to stay home because he had broken a leg.

Now, Ali was sad to miss school, but he was sure his friends would come visit him. Days went by and only Sam from across the street came to see Ali. Sam brought board games and even told Ali what was going on in school each day. Although Ali had been nice to everyone in school, only one person had cared about him.

Which of these best shows the theme of the story?

- A. True friends are very hard to find.
- B. Never trust someone who lies.
- C. Real happiness is found at home.
- D. Friends always forgive each other.