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Theme

Every story has one big idea. This big idea is the story's **theme**. It can be a lesson about life. To find the theme think about what the characters learn and also what the author may want you to know from the story.

Read the story and think about the big idea.

Bear sat by the river. Next to him was a big pile of fish.
Then Otter strolled by.

"That sure is a lot of fish!" Otter said.

"I fished all day. Now it's time for dinner."

Suddenly, Otter got an idea. "Bear, I think I hear your mother calling. You'd better go."

"Gee, Otter, that reminds me," Bear said quickly.

"I saw your father. He wants you to hurry home."

Otter raced home. Bear ate all the fish.

1. What was Otter trying to do?
a. get Bear's fish b. take a walk

2. How did the author try to do it?
a. by racing bear b. by tricking Bear

3. What is the big idea of the story?
a. Don't believe everything someone tells you.
b. Otters are easily tricked.

4. Where does the story happen?
a. by the river
b. in a car
c. in the river

5. Click on the characters in the story.

Bear

Fox

Otter