

Matthew was born rich. He never had to work and got everything he wanted. When he was six, Matthew wanted to go to a basketball game. His father paid for five professional basketball players to come to their house to play basketball with Matthew. When Matthew turned thirteen, he decided he wanted to start a band. His dad hired a famous band to play with him every weekend but his family was rarely there. By the time that Matthew was an adult, he was bored with his life. He was surrounded by a bunch of things that he didn't care about anymore and Matthew couldn't find anything new or exciting in his life.

What is the theme of this passage?

- A. Being rich is awesome!
- B. Money can't buy happiness.
- C. You need a lot of money to buy stuff for your kids.
- D. You have to be born rich.

Which of the following statements from the text BEST supports the theme?

- A. He was surrounded by a bunch of things that he didn't care about anymore and Matthew couldn't find anything new or exciting in his life.
- B. He never had to work and got everything he wanted.
- C. When Matthew turned thirteen, he decided he wanted to start a band.
- D. His dad hired a famous band to play with him every weekend but his family was rarely there.

What is the main problem of the passage?

- A. Matthew was rich.
- B. Matthew couldn't find a job.
- C. Matthew was bored with his life by the time he was an adult.
- D. Matthew was poor.

Penny was born poor. Her family didn't have a lot of money for toys but they loved each other. Penny appreciated everything she had. When she was six, her father took her to a high school basketball game because he knew how much she loved to shoot hoops with him in their driveway. When Penny was thirteen, her parents gave her a box of colored pencils. Penny drew every chance that she had and became a very talented artist. Everyone loved her art! By the time Penny was an adult, she was a successful business woman. She had everything she had always dreamed of and she loved to share with her family.

What is the theme of this passage?

- A. You have to have a lot of money to be happy.
- B. Money isn't everything.
- C. Being poor stinks!
- D. Poor people have more love.

Which of the following statements from the text BEST supports the theme?

- A. Her family didn't have a lot of money for toys but they loved each other.

- B. Penny was poor.
- C. She had everything she had always dreamed of and she loved to share with her family.
- D. Penny drew every chance she had and became a very talented artist.

What lesson did Penny learn at the end of the story?

- A. You have to work hard for the things that you want.
- B. Being rich is awesome!
- C. If you have money, you will be happy.
- D. You have to be born rich.