

Literary Analysis: Theme**Assess****A** Circle the letter of the theme that matches each character and goal described.

1. Emily has worked hard for thirty years. She wants to retire and travel around the world.
A. People of all ages need change in their lives.
B. Everyone should retire and travel around the world.
2. Joey loves to be onstage in school plays. His dream is to become an actor.
A. Being in a school play can be fun.
B. People like to think about what they can do to be successful.

B Circle the letter of the theme that matches the actions of the character.

1. Sam is a pilot. His plane was in a midair accident over a large city. He was in danger of losing his own life, his copilot's life, and perhaps the lives of others on the ground. He grabbed the controls and headed for an open area he saw down below. Carefully, he landed the plane.
A. A small plane should never be allowed to fly over a city.
B. Sometimes, a person must remain calm to survive in a crisis.
2. A new girl named Lola came into Kerri's class. Some of the kids laughed at her because she dressed a little funny. Kerri started wondering how she would feel if she were in Lola's place. She invited Lola to her home and discovered that Lola was a great storyteller. Kerri and Lola had a great time laughing together.
A. We need to look beyond appearances to see the real person.
B. The right clothes and hairstyle are really important.

C Read the passage. Then, circle the letter of the theme that matches the example.

The ladder was still propped against the house. Everywhere there was the smell of smoke. Luckily, the three children had been carried to safety by a mail carrier who saw the flames shooting through the roof. The father had been overcome by smoke and couldn't get to the children. Now, he was recovering in the hospital.

- A.** It is sad when a family loses their home because of a fire.
- B.** Sometimes, being in the right place at the right time makes the difference.