

Reading Comprehension Worksheet: Theme

Read the short story and answer each question.



The Snow Globe

Cassie didn't want to move. Her parents had already packed up the house and mailed out change-of-address cards, but Cassie left her boxes untouched.

"Don't you want to say goodbye to your room?" her mom asked gently.

Cassie shook her head. "It's not just the room," she mumbled. "It's everything."

Before leaving, Cassie visited the corner shop where she used to buy her favorite lemon candies. She picked one from the jar, then noticed a dusty snow globe on the shelf behind the counter. It had a little house inside with tiny painted trees and silver glitter swirling around.

"You like it?" the shopkeeper asked.

Cassie nodded.

"Take it. A goodbye gift."

Cassie blinked. "But I didn't even say goodbye yet."

"You just did," he said with a smile.

On the long drive to the new house, Cassie turned the snow globe in her hands. As the snow settled over the little house, she whispered, "Goodbye," and placed it on the dashboard.

At the next gas stop, she got out, stretched, and looked around. A row of pine trees swayed in the breeze, and a dog barked in the distance. It wasn't home—not yet—but it didn't feel quite so empty either.



Name: _____

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1. What is a theme of this story?

- A. Letting go is hard, but it helps us move forward.
- B. Moving is always fun and exciting.
- C. Candy makes everything better.
- D. Snow globes are magical objects.

2. What do Cassie's actions with the snow globe help show?

- A. She is beginning to accept the move and say goodbye in her own way.
- B. She wants to throw the globe away.
- C. She plans to return to her old house tomorrow.
- D. She forgot she was moving.

3. Fill in the blank:

Cassie receives a _____ from the shopkeeper as a goodbye gift.

4. What clues from the story help you understand Cassie's feelings about the move?

5. How do the final scenes show that Cassie is beginning to accept change?



Parent and Teacher Guide

Guide Reading Level: P

Lexile Level: 645L-795L

Grade Level: 4th Grade, Beginning of the Year

Genre: Realistic Fiction

Introducing the Text

"Today we're reading a story about a girl named Cassie who's moving away from the home she's always known. As we read, we'll think about the theme—what message or life lesson the story is trying to teach us—and how the character's actions help reveal that theme."

Vocabulary: address, goodbye, swirling, whispered, dashboard

Before Reading Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever had to leave something or someone behind?
 2. What kinds of feelings might come with a big change?
 3. What objects help us hold on to memories?
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During Reading Discussion Questions

1. How does Cassie react to the move at first?
 2. What is special about the snow globe she receives?
 3. Why does she say "goodbye" in the car?
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After Reading Discussion Questions

1. What is the main message or theme of this story?
 2. How does Cassie's journey help her grow and begin to accept change?
 3. What lesson could someone else learn from Cassie's experience?
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Activity Idea

Have students create a "Memory Object" drawing. Ask them to think of an item that represents a meaningful change or moment in their life. They will draw the object and write a paragraph explaining what it means and how it connects to a theme like Cassie's.

