

## Decodable Texts: Silent E (E-E)

"This nonfiction story explains what a theme is in stories and art. Watch for e–e pattern words like 'theme,' 'scene,' and 'complete' as you read!"



### What Is a Theme?

A theme is the big idea behind a story or piece of art.

It tells what the work is really about.

A theme can be love, hope, peace, or change.

In books, these ideas are shown through what people do and say.

In art, the theme might come from color, shape, or scene.

Some themes are clear. Others are hidden and deep.

These ideas help complete what the writer or artist wants to share.

After reading the story, have your child point to and slowly sound out each practice word.

theme

scene

these

piece

complete



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## What Is a Theme?

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**1. What is a theme?**

- A. A word we don't use
- B. A small detail in a sentence
- C. The main idea in a story or art
- D. A type of snack

**2. How can a theme be shown in books?**

- A. Through animals
- B. Through color and shape
- C. Through what people do and say
- D. Through maps

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**3. Fill in the blank:**

These ideas help \_\_\_\_\_ what the artist wants to share.

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**4. How might a writer or artist show the theme of peace?**

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**5. Why do you think themes are sometimes hidden?**

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# Coaching Guide

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**Target Skill:** e–e Silent E Words

**Genre:** Nonfiction – Art & Expression

**High-Frequency Words:** what, the, in, from, some

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## Before Reading

1. Tell your child that today’s nonfiction text will use e–e words like “theme” and “complete” to explain big ideas in writing and art.
  2. What do you think the word “theme” means?
  3. Can you think of a book, movie, or painting that had a special message?
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## During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Stop at tricky e–e words like “theme” and “scene.” Help your child say the long E sound and notice the silent E at the end.
  2. Watch for e–e words that name ideas and how they are shown
  3. What are some examples of themes from the story?
  4. Read the final line with a thoughtful, serious voice
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## After Reading

1. Retell what a theme is and where it might be found
  2. Why are themes important in stories and art?
  3. What’s a theme you would want to share in your own story or artwork?
  4. Skill Check: Underline six e–e words in the story
  5. **Fluency Tip:** Read the story again like you're giving a talk at an art museum—slow and expressive
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## Activity Idea

Create a picture that shows a theme like “joy,” “kindness,” or “hope.” Label your drawing with e–e words like “scene,” “theme,” or “these.” Write one sentence about the message in your art.

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## Coaching Tip

Themes help connect reading to real meaning—use this story to support both decoding and deeper thinking.

