

Name _____

Fable's Message Answer Key

Sample Theme Answer:

Honesty is more valuable than lying to cover up mistakes.

Supporting Examples (may vary):

1. The fox lied to the farmer and said he didn't eat the grapes.
2. The fox's friends noticed the grape juice on his fur and laughed at his lie, causing him embarrassment.

Teacher Notes:

- Encourage students to see that a **theme is a lesson** that can apply to many people, not just the fox.
- Common errors: students may write the theme as a single event (e.g., "The fox ate grapes"). Redirect them to the bigger lesson.
- Extension: Have students brainstorm other fables or real-life situations where honesty is important, then share with the class.