

## Setting Grows Theme Answer Key

### 1. Setting:

- A community garden in the middle of a crowded city.

### 2. Possible theme(s):

- Working together builds community.
- Even in noisy or difficult places, people can create peace and beauty.

### 3. How setting helps develop theme:

- The city is crowded and noisy, but the garden becomes a place where people connect and cooperate. The contrast between the busy city and the calm garden emphasizes the theme of unity and growth.

### 4. Mountain cabin version:

- The theme of working together could still be shown, but instead of gardening in a busy city, it might involve neighbors chopping wood, sharing food, or helping each other survive in nature. The theme would feel more about survival and cooperation in isolation, rather than building community in a noisy city.

### Teacher Notes

- Emphasize that **theme is revealed through details**, not directly stated.
- The garden is symbolic: life and growth happening in the middle of a hectic environment → shows the theme of unity and hope.
- Accept varied but logical theme answers (friendship, cooperation, community, hope).
- Extension: Have students brainstorm other settings (beach, school, forest) and explain how the *same* theme might look different in each.