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## Rabbit's Lesson

The **theme** is the big idea or lesson of a story. Readers can find the theme by asking: *What did the character learn? What message does the story teach us?*

**Directions:** Read the short story below and answer the questions that follow.

### The Boastful Rabbit

In a meadow filled with wildflowers, a rabbit named Jasper often bragged about how fast he could run. "No one can ever beat me in a race!" he told the other animals. One day, a slow-moving tortoise challenged him. Jasper laughed but agreed to race. Confident, he ran ahead quickly but stopped to nap under a shady tree. The tortoise, steady and patient, walked past him and reached the finish line first. Jasper hung his head, realizing that his bragging and overconfidence had caused him to lose.

1. What is the theme of the passage?

Theme:

2. Find two pieces of evidence from the text that support this theme.

Evidence 1:

Evidence 2: