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Theme

- The **theme** is the big idea of a story, a message that the reader determines from the events and characters in the story.

Directions Answer the following questions based on the story *Julia's New Home*.

1. Who is the central character in the story and what is her basic conflict?

Julia Miller is the central character. She has moved to Chile, but would rather be back home.

2. What are some of the things she does that make her problem worse?

She doesn't try to learn Spanish. She doesn't try to make friends.

3. What are some of the things she does that start to turn things around?

She starts to learn Spanish by watching T.V. She starts to enjoy meeting new people.

4. What has she learned by the end of the story?

Being in a new city can be fun if you try to fit in.

5. What do you think the theme of the story is?

If you are in a new situation, it is best to jump in and greet the challenge.