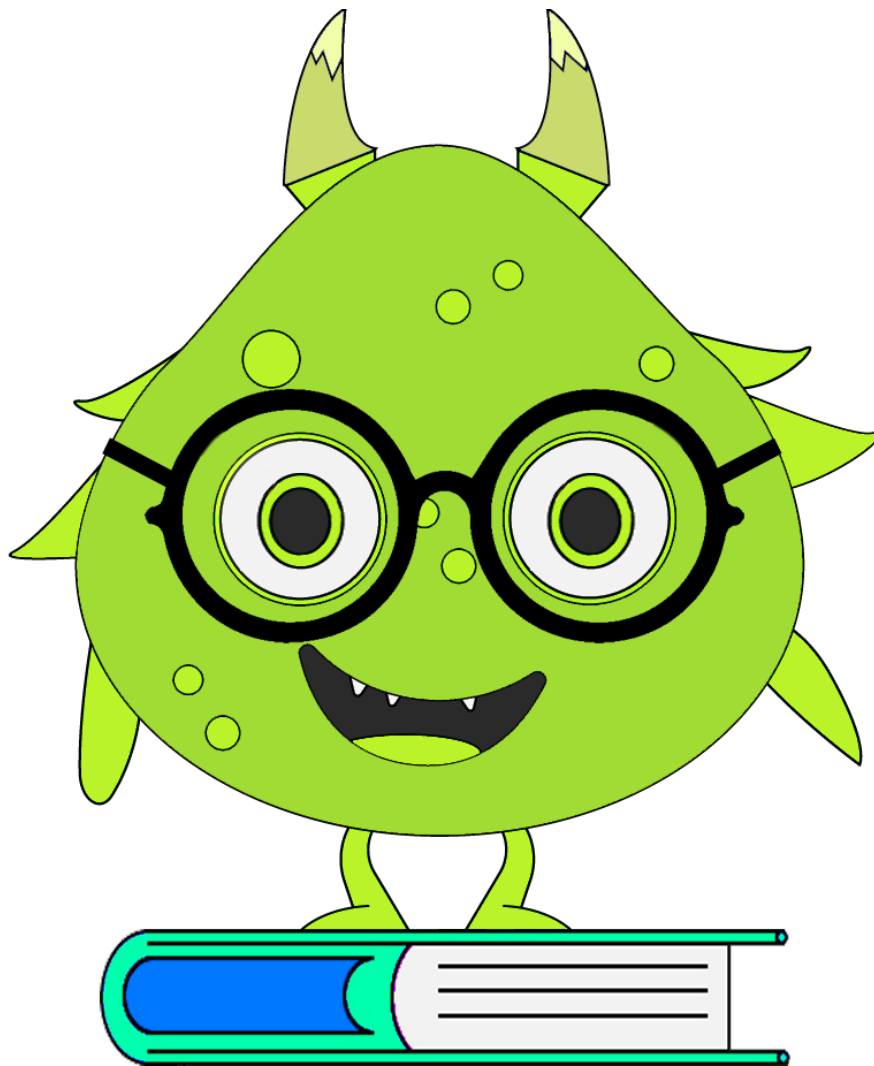


Learning Intention

I am learning to identify or work out the theme, or main message of a story.



Success Criteria

I will think about what the story is about and how the characters act and treat each other. I will think, “What idea is at the heart of this?” Ideas:

friendship

love

survival

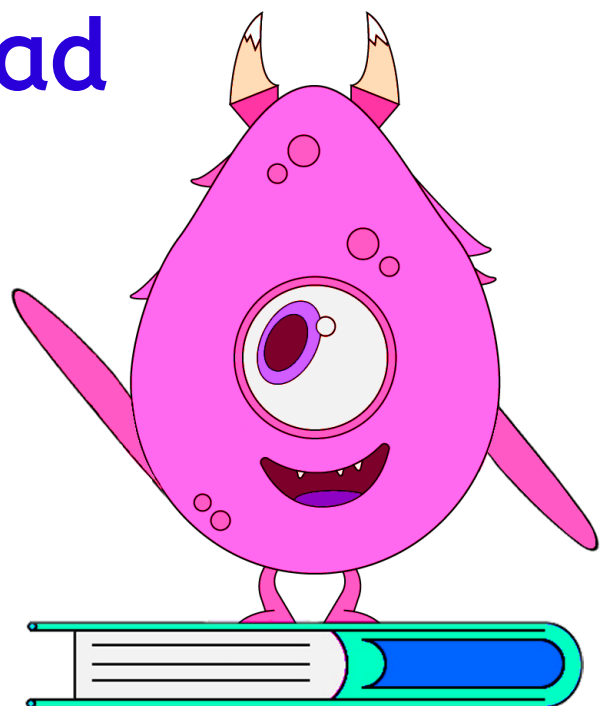
loneliness

family

bravery

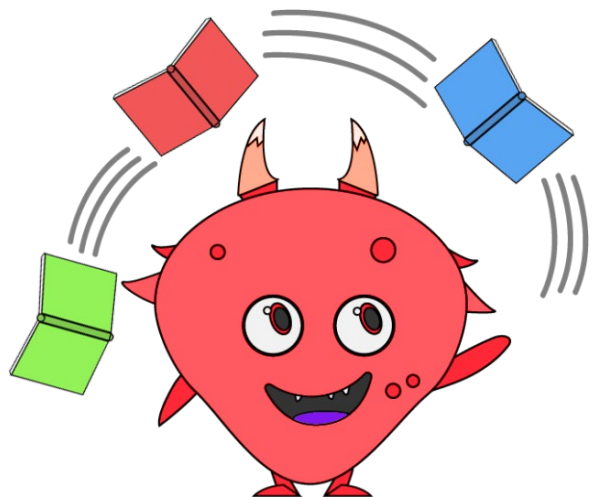
good versus bad

I will discuss
my idea.



Theme

The theme of a story is its main message or central idea. The theme is woven all through the story. Look at how characters act, react to things happening and interact with others. To work out the theme, ask, “What message is the author sending through these characters and events?” “What message is at the heart of this story?”



Learning Checklist

Check these off as you go.

Did I:	✓
tell others what I think the theme is?	
give reasons for my answer?	
listen to other people's ideas?	

