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Theme
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Lesson 19

▶ Read the story. Then answer the questions.
Possible responses are shown.

Two badgers worked together in the kitchen one afternoon to bake a cake. As they took it out of its pan, a little piece broke off and fell on the floor. "Now look what you've done! The cake is uneven," the first badger said.

"We'll have to even it out," the second one replied. She sliced off the broken corner with a knife.

"You've cut it at the wrong angle!" the first badger complained, slicing off another piece. The badgers kept quarreling and slicing. At last, they stood back to admire their cake. Most of it lay in pieces. Although perfectly even, the cake was now only two inches wide.

- Describe the characters and the setting. two badgers in a kitchen
one afternoon
- What mistake do the characters make? They keep trying to even out
the cake until they cut off too much of it.
- What does the theme of this story have to do with? Circle the letter of the best answer.
A not telling the whole truth C trying too hard to be perfect
B being greedy D being lazy
- State the story's theme in your own words. You can ruin something
by trying too hard to make it perfect.



School-Home Connection
Read a traditional story or folktale with your child. Ask your child to identify a lesson that a character learns. Then work with your child to restate the theme of the story.