

[θi:m] *n*

1. тема; предмет (*разговора, рассуждения, сочинения*)
the theme of today's lecture - тема сегодняшней лекции
the war theme - военная тема
theme for discussion - тема для обсуждения
lectures on such themes - лекции на такие темы
a wide range of themes - большой выбор тем
to choose love for a theme - избрать любовь в качестве темы
to develop the theme - развивать тему
united by a common theme - объединённые общей темой
the theme is positively overworked - эта тема совершенно заезжена
2. основная мысль; характерная черта
3. *школ.* сочинение на заданную тему
to write a (school) theme - написать (школьное) сочинение
4. *муз.* тема
second theme - побочная тема
variations on a theme - вариации на тему
theme song - а) повторяющаяся мелодия; лейтмотив б) = 7
to vary the theme - варьировать тему
5. *грам.* основа
6. *лингв.* тема
7. *радио* позывные (*тж.* theme song)
8. *ист.* провинция Византийской империи
9. положение звёзд в момент рождения человека (*в астрологии*)

theme

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theme AW [theme themes themed theming] noun, adjective BrE [θiːm] ¹NAmeE [θiːm] ¹

noun

1. the subject or main idea in a talk, piece of writing or work of art
 - North American literature is the main theme of this year's festival.
 - The President stressed a favourite campaign theme— greater emphasis on education.
 - The naked male figure was always the central theme of Greek art.
 - The stories are all **variations on the theme** of unhappy marriage.
 2. (music) a short tune that is repeated or developed in a piece of music
 3. = ↑theme music
 - the theme from 'The Godfather'
 4. (old-fashioned, NAmeE) a short piece of writing on a particular subject, done for school
 5. (linguistics) the part of a sentence or clause that contains information that is not new to the reader or audience
- compare** ↑rheme

Word Origin:Middle English: via Old French from Latin **thema**, from Greek, literally proposition; related to **tithenai** 'to set or place'.Collocations:**Literature***Being a writer***write/publish** literature/poetry/fiction/a book/a story/a poem/a novel/a review/an autobiography**become** a writer/novelist/playwright**find/have** a publisher/an agent**have** a new book out**edit/revise/proofread** a book/text/manuscript**dedicate** a book/poem to...*Plot, character and atmosphere***construct/create/weave/weave** sth into a complex narrative**advance/drive** the plot**introduce/present** the protagonist/a character**describe/depict/portray** a character (as...)/(sb as) a hero/villain**create** an exciting/a tense atmosphere**build/heighten** the suspense/tension**evoke/capture** the pathos of the situation**convey** emotion/an idea/an impression/a sense of...**engage** the reader**seize/capture/grip** the (reader's) imagination**arouse/elicit** emotion/sympathy (in the reader)**lack** imagination/emotion/structure/rhythm*Language, style and imagery***use/employ** language/imagery/humour/(especially US) humor/an image/a symbol/a metaphor/a device

use/adopt/develop a style/technique
 be rich in/be full of symbolism
 evoke images of.../a sense of.../a feeling of...
 create/achieve an effect
 maintain/lighten the tone
 introduce/develop an idea/a theme
 inspire a novel/a poet/sb's work/sb's imagination

Reading and criticism

read an author/sb's work/fiction/poetry/a text/a poem/a novel/a chapter/a passage
 review a book/a novel/sb's work
 give sth/get/have/receive a good/bad review
 be hailed (as)/be recognized as a masterpiece
 quote a phrase/line/stanza/passage/author
 provoke/spark discussion/criticism
 study/interpret/understand a text/passage
 translate sb's work/a text/a passage/a novel/a poem

Example Bank:

- He gave a talk on the theme of teenage unemployment.
- His later novels develop the theme of alienation.
- Most of the essays appear to be variations on a few central themes.
- Several familiar themes emerged from the discussion.
- The film's haunting musical theme stayed in my head for days.
- The same themes run through all her novels.
- universal themes of love and loneliness
- He wrote and sang the theme to the hit TV series, 'Minder'.
- His theme is played each time he appears on screen.
- North American literature is the main theme of this year's festival.
- The trumpets' theme is then taken up by the rest of orchestra.

adjective (BrE) ~ pub/bar/restaurant, etc.

a pub, bar, etc. that is designed to reflect a particular subject or period of history

- an Irish theme pub

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I. **theme** **S2 W2 AC** /θi:m BrE " AmE " noun [countable]

[Word Family: noun: ↑theme; adverb ↑thematically; adjective: ↑thematic]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Latin; Origin: thema, from Greek, 'something laid down, theme', from tithenai 'to put']

1. **SUBJECT** the main subject or idea in a piece of writing, speech, film etc:

" The book's theme is the conflict between love and duty.

main/central/major etc theme

- " Campbell has made health care a central theme in his campaign.
- " Nature is a recurrent theme (=a theme that appears repeatedly) in Frost's poetry.
- " Most of Kurt's other pictures were variations on the same theme.

2. **theme music/song/tune** music or a song that is often played during a film or musical play, or at the beginning and end of a television or radio programme:

" the theme song from 'The Brady Bunch'

3. **REPEATED TUNE** a short simple tune that is repeated and developed in a piece of music:

" Freia's theme in Wagner's opera

4. **STYLE** a particular style:

" Her bedroom is decorated in a Victorian theme.

5. **PIECE OF WRITING** *American English old-fashioned* a short piece of writing on a particular subject that you do for school **SYN** **essay**

theme on

" Your homework is to write a two-page theme on pollution.

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COLLOCATIONS

■ **adjectives**

- **the main/central/dominant theme** The main theme of the book is the importance of honesty.
- **a major theme** Cultural change is the second major theme of his work.
- **a common theme** Death and rebirth is a common theme in Eliot's poetry.
- **a recurrent/recurring theme** (=one that appears several times) Returning to traditional values was a major theme of the president's speech.
- **an underlying theme** (=one that is important but not very noticeable) One of the book's underlying themes is the struggle for human rights.

▪ **a universal theme** (=subjects that affect people of all races and cultures) Readers everywhere can relate to the universal themes in his work.

■ **phrases**

▪ **variations on a theme** (=things with a similar basic subject, style etc) Most of her short stories are variations on the theme of tragedy.

II. **themed** /θiːmɪd BrE ^ˈ AmE ^ˈ (also **theme**) *adjective* [usually before noun]

a themed place or event has been designed to make people who go there feel like they are in a particular place or historical period:

▪ themed restaurants such as the Rainforest Café

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