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“Business at Eleven”

1. Why does Johnny want to buy old magazines?
2. Read the following conversation between the narrator and Johnny.

*“Do you want to keep these?” he said.*

*“No. You can have them,” I said.*

*“No. I don’t want them for nothing,” he said. “How much do you want for them?”*

*“You can have them for nothing,” I said.*

*“No, I want to buy them,” he said. “How much do you want for them?*

**Based on the conversation, how would you describe Johnny’s character?**

1. What does the narrator find surprising about Johnny, compared to other eleven-year-old boys?
2. Find a piece of text evidence to support your answer to question #3.
3. Describe Johnny’s family.
4. Based on what you know about Johnny’s family, why do you think Johnny works so hard?
5. *Make a prediction:* How might Johnny use what he has learned in this business to reach his goals for a future career?
6. Re-read the last sentence of the text. Based on the ending, do you believe Johnny will succeed in the future? **Support your answer using text evidence.**



1. In order to determine a story’s theme, you must first analyze the characters’ traits, the title, the main events, and the last sentence. Use the flow chart below to help you determine the **theme**.

**Title**



**Last sentence of the story**

**Johnny’s character traits**

**1.**

**2.**

**Main events of the story**

**1.**

**2.**

**3.**

**Based on the character traits, the main events, and the last sentence, what is the story’s** **theme**?

**Theme**