

Answer Key

Transparency 7 Theme

The chart below has been used to explore elements of theme in Gary Paulsen's "Stop the Sun," which begins on PE page 49.

Title: "Stop the Sun"

Author: Gary Paulsen

Key Element	Clues
Title	The title hints at an effort to do the impossible.
Characters	Terry wants to understand his father, and he does not give up on this difficult goal.
Conflict	Terry is troubled and embarrassed by his father's behavior, but no one will help him understand it.
Words and Phrases	"He had to know this thing . . ." "Terry had knowledge now."
Possible Theme: Knowledge is a key to understanding and can help heal deep wounds.	