

A story uses **words** and **illustrations** to **describe the character(s)** in a story.

CHARACTER (a person, animal, or thing in a story)

¹My **uncle Joe is a farmer**.
²He **lives on an apple farm**.
³He gets up early every morning to **clean the barn and feed the animals**. ⁴After breakfast, Uncle **Joe picks apples** to sell at his fruit stand.



"Joe is a **farmer**"

Joe wears a brown hat and green overalls.

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What do the **words** tell us about the **characters** in this story? Explain.

Kim will be getting a brown hat from her grandparents to match her brown hair and eyes.

A Kim has brown hair and eyes.

B Kim will get a brown hat.

What does the **illustration** tell us about the **characters** in this story? Explain.



A balloons are colorful

B the girls are wearing colorful dresses

- 1 Read the story and look at the illustration.
- 2 Describe the character(s) in the story.

¹Sam and Jim both love basketball. ²The championship game is tonight in the school gym. ³Both teams have new uniforms. ⁴Jim gets ready to shoot the ball. ⁵Sam blocks Jim's ball from going in the hoop. ⁶Sam's team scores and wins the game!



- 1 Jim and Sam have new uniforms.

words illustration

- 2 Both Jim and Sam are in a wheelchair.

words illustration

- 3 Jim and Sam love basketball.

words illustration

¹On a nice summer day, Felix went to the beach. ²Felix is a frisbee dog. ³He can do many tricks with his frisbee. ⁴Felix practices for three hours everyday. ⁵After Felix finishes frisbee practice, he likes to swim in the ocean.



- 4 Felix is a brown dog with long ears.

words illustration

- 5 Felix is a frisbee dog.

words illustration

- 6 Felix wears a red swimsuit.

words illustration

Skill Closure

- 1 Read the story and look at the illustration.
- 2 Describe the character(s) in the story.

¹A fire burned down two houses in our neighborhood! ²Sal is a firefighter. ³It took five hours to put out the fire. ⁴Sal saved the rest of our neighborhood from burning down! ⁵Sal was given a medal of bravery for his hard work.



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| 1 Sal is a firefighter. | words | illustration |
| 2 Sal's uniform and hat are yellow. | words | illustration |
| 3 Sal's face is covered with a mask. | words | illustration |

Concept Closure

Speaking

Hector thinks that the author uses words to describe the firefighter as having a yellow uniform? Is Hector correct? Explain.

Summary Closure

What did you learn today about describing characters from the illustrations and words in a story?

Word Bank

- ▶ describe
- ▶ illustration
- ▶ words
- ▶ story
- ▶ characters

- 1 Read the story and look at the illustration.
- 2 Describe the character(s) in the story.

¹Jakob is stuck in the rain waiting for the bus. ²He is tired after a long, rainy day at school. ³Soccer practice was canceled. ⁴His books are wet because he forgot his umbrella or a rain coat. ⁵Jakob hopes that the bus arrives soon!



- 1 Jakob is scowling.
- 2 Jakob wears a soccer uniform.
- 3 Jakob is tired after a long day at school.

words illustration

words illustration

words illustration



¹Cleo, Ralph, and Louie are in a band. ²Cleo and Ralph play guitars, and Louie plays the tambourine. ³They like to play music while relaxing on their little island! ⁴A crab dances in the warm water. ⁵Before the sun goes down, they will write a new song.

- 4 Cleo, Ralph, and Louie are in a band.
- 5 Cleo and Ralph are cats.
- 6 Louie plays the tambourine.

words illustration

words illustration

words illustration

- 1 Read the story and look at the illustration.
- 2 Describe the character(s) in the story.

¹Wally is a very hungry bear. ²But, he is terrible at catching fish! ³The fish gets mad at Wally when he pulls him out of the river. ⁴Wally drops the fish and looks for some berries to eat instead!



words illustration

1 Wally is a hungry bear.

words illustration

2 Wally is a big, furry brown bear.

words illustration

3 The fish is gray.



Speaking

Samuel thinks that the illustration above shows that the fish is happy to be out of the water. Is Samuel correct? Explain.

- 1 Read the story and look at the illustration.
- 2 Describe the character(s) in the story.

My family is going on summer vacation! The weather is warm and perfect for a trip to the beach. We all help out to get ready for the long drive. Dad smiles as he stacks the luggage on the roof of the car. My little brother Zack helps my sister Eva get the beach toys ready. Before we leave, Mom double checks that the house is locked up while we are away.



words **illustration**

1 Mom has curly hair.

words **illustration**

2 Dad is smiling as he loads the luggage.

words **illustration**

3 Zack and Eva are wearing sandals.

Look at the illustration. Determine which descriptions below are true about the characters.

Yes **No**

1 The family is planting two trees in their yard.

Yes **No**

2 The trees are being planted in the fall season.

Yes **No**

3 The hose is attached to the house.

Yes **No**

4 The house is painted blue and has no upstairs.

Yes **No**

5 The girl will have to dig two holes.

Yes **No**

6 Dad is left-handed.



- 1 Read the story and look at the illustration.
- 2 Describe the character(s) in the story.

Our school has a new cook in the cafeteria. She wears an old apron and hat. She tells funny jokes to students while they wait in line for food. I'm not sure what she is serving for lunch today. The cook says it is soup, but it looks green and smells funny. I wish I had brought my lunch from home today!



words **illustration**

1 The cook's apron is dirty.

words **illustration**

2 The students wear blue school uniforms.

words **illustration**

3 The new cook has a sense of humor.



Speaking

Jorge says that the words in the story explain what the cook's apron looks like. Is Jorge correct? Explain.

Select the details below that can also be seen in the illustration.

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| A The boy is wearing red shoes. | Yes | No |
| B The students are laughing. | Yes | No |
| C The cook is telling jokes. | Yes | No |
| D The cook is making sandwiches. | Yes | No |