

A **character** is a **person**, **animal**, or **thing** in a story.

► **Characters** talk or do something.

One day, a little girl named **Josie** was crying at the park. She lost her ball. The **Dancing Frog** said, "I have a gift for you, Josie." It was a new ball!



Not a character:



1 Read the story.

2 Identify the character. (“__ is the character because...”)

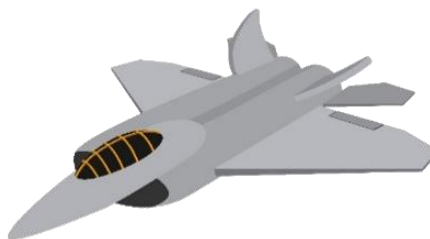
1.

Jet Day

¹Ethan was playing outside. ²He heard a loud sound from the sky. ³When Ethan looked up, he saw a jet. ⁴“Wow! ⁵That jet is fast!” said Ethan.



Ethan

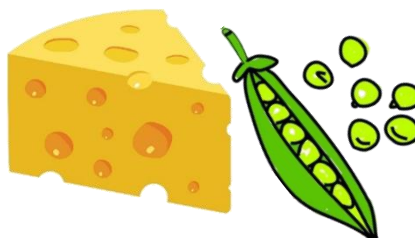


Jet

2.

Greedy Hippo

¹The greedy hippo ate everything in sight. ²From cheese to peas, he always had a bite. ³The other animals were angry. ⁴The greedy hippo ate all their food.



- 1 Read the story.
- 2 Identify the character. (“__ is the character because...”)

3. **School Days**

¹Betty is a school backpack. ²She carries pencils and books for students. ³She can be found hanging out in the classroom. ⁴Betty says, “Always try your best!”



Skill Closure

- 1 Read the story.
- 2 Identify the character. ("___ is the character because...")

Fluffy the Cat

¹Fluffy is a big cat. ²She likes to play with her toys. ³Fluffy does not like to go outside. ⁴Fluffy sleeps on a yellow chair.



Concept Closure

Speaking



Why are the toys not a character in the story above? (Pair-Share)

Summary Closure

What did you learn today about identifying characters in a story?

Word Bank

characters
person
animal
thing

Read the story. Circle the character.

Marty the Hammer

¹Marty is a hammer. ²He lives in a toolbox. ³"I am a very good builder," said Marty. ⁴He uses nails and wood to build a birdhouse.



Speaking



Why is the nail not a character in the story above? (Pair-Share)

Listening



Listen to the story.
Who is the character in the story?



hill



Thomas

Speaking



Read the story. Answer the question with a partner.

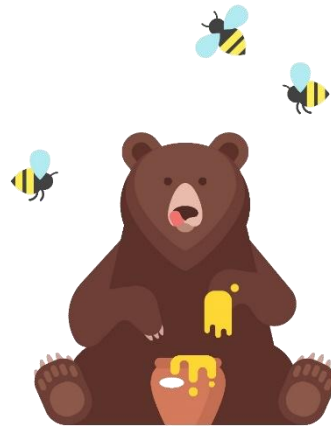
A Hungry Little Bear

Little Bear is hungry. He sees his friend, Buzz the bee. "Excuse me, Buzz. May I have some honey?" asks Little Bear. "Sure," says Buzz.



Why is honey not a character. (Pair-Share)

What detail tells us that the bear is a character? (Pair-Share)



Speaking



Look at the place. What character will you find in that place? How do you know?

