

To **describe** a character is to tell what they are **like**.

- Details in a story can tell what a character is **like** by what they **do** or **say**.

Words to describe a character

helpful, smart, brave, determined, friendly, grateful, tricky, honest, lazy, generous, talented

say

do

Hua Mulan

¹Long ago, China was in a battle with invaders. ²**"My father is old and cannot fight in this war, I must dress like a man and go in his place," said Mulan.** ³**For twelve years, Mulan fought the invaders.**

⁴**"Thank you for your service, China is safe because of you," said The Emperor.** ⁵**The emperor offered her an official position in the army.** ⁶Mulan turned down the position and went home to her family.

Hua Mulan is **described** as **brave**.

The emperor is **described** as **grateful**.

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Does this detail tell you the character Mulan is brave? Explain.

Mulan has long back hair.

A Yes

B No

In your own words, how would you describe a character?

- 1 Read the question and identify the character. (underline)
- 2 Read the text and identify what the character does or says. (underline)
- 3 Describe the character. (circle)
- 4 Answer question. (orally)

Unhappy Birthday

¹The sisters, Ana and Maria, opened their birthday presents. ²When Ana saw that she got a doll, she hugged her parents and said, "Thank you! ³I love it!" ⁴But when Maria saw that she got a doll, she said, "I didn't want a doll! ⁵I wanted a new bike!" ⁶Maria ran to her room, crying.

67 words

- 1 Describe the character Ana.

- A funny
- B grateful
- C tricky
- D kind

- 2 Why is "I didn't want a doll!" not a detail that describes Ana?

- 3 Describe the character Maria.

- A funny
- B grateful
- C tricky
- D ungrateful

- 4 Why is "she hugged her parents" not a detail that describes Maria?

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- 3 Describe the character. (circle)
- 4 Answer question. (orally)

The Hunter and the Woodsman

Adapted from Aesop's Fables

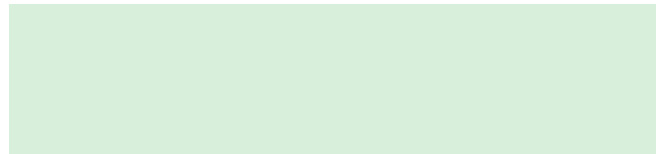
¹Hunter met Woodsman in the forest. ²"Have you seen the footprints of a wolf?" asked Hunter. ³"I will take you right to him," said Woodsman. ⁴Hunter started shaking. ⁵His teeth began to chatter. ⁶"No, thank you, I do not want to see him," he said. ⁷"I am only looking for his tracks, not the wolf himself."

57 words

- 5 Which word best describes Hunter in the story?

- A brave
- B grateful
- C cowardly
- D tricky

- 6 Why is "I will take you right to him" not a detail that describes Hunter?



Skill Closure

- 1 Read the question and identify the character. (underline)
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- 3 Describe the character. (circle)
- 4 Answer question. (orally)

Peter's Shadow

1. Peter's shadow had come detached. 2. Wendy helped Peter by sewing his shadow on. 3. Peter thought he had attached the shadow himself. 4. "How clever I am!" he crowed. 5. She exclaimed, "Of course, I did nothing!" "You did a little," Peter said carelessly and continued to dance. 6. "A little!" she replied, stomping out of the room.

63 words

- 1 Which word best describes Peter in the story?

- A shy
- B grumpy
- C cowardly
- D selfish

Concept Closure

Why is Peter not described as shy? (orally)

Summary Closure

What did you learn today about determining what characters are like by what they say or do?

Word Bank

character
detail
do
say

Read the text.

Circle the word that most describes the character.

Do the Right Thing

¹Chuck and Lucy paid for some candy and walked out of the store. ²Lucy counted her money. ³"Oh no! ⁴The clerk gave us back too much money!" she said. ⁵"Let's keep the money," said Chuck. ⁶"We can buy more candy!" ⁷"No, we can't do that," Lucy said. ⁸"This money is not ours. ⁹We have to do what is right." ¹⁰So, Lucy went back into the store and gave the money back to the clerk. 72 words

Which word best describes Chuck in this passage?

- A** cowardly
- B** brave
- C** honest
- D** dishonest



Listening

Listen carefully to “Scout’s New Home”. Answer the questions.

1 What is Scout’s character trait?

- A** mean **B** bored **C** scared **D** loving

How did you determine Scout’s character trait? Explain orally.

**An author wants to create a character (dog) who is stubborn.
Select the sentence(s) that the author would use. Explain orally.**

- 1** “We are surprised Max is still here. He is a good dog that deserves a good home,” said the shelter employee.
- 2** “We’ve had a tough time finding Max a home. He doesn’t follow directions and can be difficult sometimes,” said the shelter employee.



Reading

Read the text. Complete using the correct phrases. Read the story one more time.

with them

refused to do

in charge

would argue

my boss

nothing was

chores done

what to do

Who's in Charge?

Sam and Jack were brothers. Sam had long hair and had grown very tall. Jack had freckles and short red spikey hair. When their dad would have to work late, the boys would stay together at their house after school. Because Sam was older, he liked to be _____. Sam always thought he could tell Jack _____. "Jack, you need to get all of your **chores done** before dad gets home," ordered Sam. Jack would always respond with, "You're not _____! Stop ordering me around!" The boys _____ back and forth all night. Jack always _____ what Sam said. By the end of the day, _____ ever accomplished! What was their dad going to do _____?

Read "Who is in Charge?" Answer the questions.

- 1 Who is the bossy character? Defend your answer orally.
- 2 Who is the stubborn character? Defend your answer orally.

What other sentences might you want to use for Sam and Jack to explain their character traits? (Place an X)

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Sentences	Sam	Jack	Neither
A Both like to play video games together after their chores are done.			
B He told his brother to wash the dishes very well.			
C He refused to take out the trash after his brother told him to do it.			



Writing

Which words explain that Chloe is very skillful (underline)?

Chloe's Sport

Chloe's favorite sport is tennis. She's played it most of her life. Even when she was just a beginner, her coach thought she was a natural at it. She is one of the best 10-year-old tennis players in the country. Tennis is a sport that needs a lot of coordination to play. It is a great way to exercise.

Chloe is not only one of the best, but also plays almost every day. Her opponents are always impressed by how easy she makes the game look. Her coach said, "She is so gifted when it comes to tennis. With more practice and time, she will be the one to beat." No one would be surprised if she gets a college scholarship for tennis.

Write a sentence to describe that Chloe's other character trait is dedication.
