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1. "I don't care what you say," Allie argued. 2. "I'm not going to that boring camp this summer!" 3. Allie cried and yelled. 4. She stamped her foot and threw her sweatshirt on the ground. 5. *None of my friends are going to be there, she thought, and it won't be any fun at all.* 6. *I refuse to go through that again, she thought.* 7. Summers at camp are hot and muggy with lots of mosquitoes.

71 words

Methods of Characterization	Sentence Number
Character's words	
Character's actions	
Character's thoughts	

1. What character trait(s) did the author develop for Allie? _____.

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1. Danny was a little boy who needed a lot of attention. 2. His mother constantly had to watch him and listen to his screams. 3. Lunch time was a battle every day. 4. She had to notice when he pushed his plate to the edge of the table. 5. She would try to grab it. 6. Usually she was too late and ended up picking the plate off the floor and yelling at Danny.

68 words

Methods of Characterization	Sentence Number
Narrator's description	
Other characters' thoughts, words, and actions	

1. What characters trait(s) did the author develop for Danny? _____

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1. Jose saw his teacher, Mrs. Garcia, heading for the classroom. 2. As she got to the door, she dropped the binder she was holding. 3. It opened and papers flew out. 4. Mrs. Garcia bent down and picked up her things. 5. Jose hurried to help. 6. “Mrs. Garcia, you forgot this,” he said as he handed her a paper. 7. “I’ll get the door for you, too,” he volunteered. 8. “Thank you, Jose.” said Mrs. Garcia.

77 words

Methods of Characterization	Sentence Number
Character’s words	
Character’s actions	
Character’s thoughts	
Narrator’s description	
Other characters’ thoughts, words, and actions	

1. What character trait(s) did the author develop for Jose?

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1. Mr. Smith complained, “Willie is a very smart young man, but he doesn’t do his homework. 2. He could get a scholarship with good grades, but he just plays games on his cell phone. 3. Willie also makes excuses for not doing his homework.” 4. As Willie listened to the guidance counselor, he slumped in his chair. 5. Willie looked at the floor. 6. *I want to get better grades, but homework is too much work*, he thought. 7. His mother nodded in agreement with Mr. Smith, “You’re right, he needs to work harder in class and do his homework.”

94 words

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Character’s words	
Character’s actions	
Character’s thoughts	
Narrator’s description	
Other characters’ thoughts, words, and actions	

1. What character trait(s) did the author develop for Willie?
