

A **character trait** is used to **describe what a character is like**.

- An author describes characters by their **thoughts**, **words**, and **actions**.

Character Traits

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

Character traits	Tanya is compassionate (cares for others).
Thoughts	<p style="text-align: center;">Tanya's First Day of School</p> <p>Tanya, the new student, thought she looked good in her new school uniform. Her uniform was perfectly pressed as she had spent a lot of time ironing it the night before.</p> <p>On the way to school, Tanya saw a boy, much bigger than herself, who was crying. Tanya softly asked, "Are you hurt?" The boy said that he had fallen and could not stand up. Tanya in a calm voice said, "I will go to school to find help." She gave the boy her water bottle and quickly walked to school.</p> <p>A while later someone came to help. The boy was very impressed with Tanya. He did not think that the new girl would help him. He was very wrong!</p>
Words	
Actions	



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Which sentence describes Tanya as compassionate?

- A Tanya offered to call the boy's mom to let her know that he was hurt.**
B Tanya was very nervous because this was her first day at a new school.

Which sentence describes Tanya as not compassionate?

- A Tanya laughed at the hurt boy and told him it was his own fault.**
B Tanya found the school nurse and asked her to please help the boy immediately.

In your own words, what is a character trait?

- 1 Read the question and identify what character to look for. (underline)
- 2 Read the story.
- 3 Identify the character's thoughts, words, and actions. (underline)
- 4 Determine the character trait. (box it)

The Sick Lion

Adapted from Aesop's Fables

A hungry Lion felt he was too old to hunt. So, he told all the animals he was sick, and they came to visit him. Then, the Lion ate them. Fox decided to visit Lion and wish him well. As he got closer to the cave, Fox thought, where did all the animals go? So, Fox stood far from the cave and asked Lion how he was. "I am very weak," said the Lion. He needs to come closer, so I can eat him, thought Lion. "Come talk with me." "No, thank you," said Fox. "I see many animals going into your cave, but none coming out."

1 What is the character trait for the Lion?

- A** sincere **B** generous **C** tricky **D** kind

2 What is the character trait for Fox?

- A** smart **B** honest **C** tricky **D** kind

Extended Thinking

Jaca is confident.

What sentences support this character’s trait?

Complete the table with the sentence numbers.

Debate Day

¹Jaca stood tall and walked boldly to the stand. ²She knows no one is as good a debater as she is. ³Jaca noticed her parents and friends in the audience. ⁴Dad was applauding, and Mom was waving at her. ⁵I will win this, thought Jaca. ⁶Quietly Jaca said to herself, “Whatever the topic, I will discuss it and argue my opinion. ⁷I can do this!”

Thoughts	Words	Actions

Skill Closure

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Lucas

Every Saturday, Lucas wakes up early because this is the day when he and his dad mow the lawn. Lucas uses a red rake while his dad cuts the grass. In the afternoon, Lucas and his dad wash the car. Lucas uses a towel while his dad scrubs the car with plenty of soap. Palmo, Lucas' dog, watches and tries to encourage them by barking a lot.

What is the character trait for Lucas?

- A** sincere **B** kind **C** helpful **D** sleepy

Concept Closure

Why is Lucas not described as kind?

Summary Closure

What did you learn today about describing characters?

Word Bank

character traits
thoughts
words
actions

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The Lost Football

¹Juan and Sophie were playing football. ²Juan accidentally threw the football into the neighbor's backyard. ³. A big, vicious₁ dog lived there. ⁴They saw the ball next to the doghouse. ⁵But they didn't see the dog. ⁶"I'm not going to get it!" Juan said. ⁷"That dog will eat me for lunch!" ⁸I can get it, thought Sophie. ⁹"Okay. I will jump the fence and get it," said Sophie. ¹⁰"But, what if the dog is in his doghouse?" asked Juan. ¹¹"It could hear you." ¹²"I'll be silent and quick," whispered Sophie. ¹³So Sophie jumped the fence, grabbed the ball, and came back.

1 What is the character trait for Juan?

- A** brave **B** wise **C** strong **D** cowardly

2 Which sentences support Juan's character trait? _____

3 What is the character trait for Sophie?

- A** brave **B** wise **C** strong **D** cowardly

4 Which sentences support Sophie's character trait? _____



Listening

**Listen to the story “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.

What is the passage about?

**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.

Read the text. Complete using the correct phrases.

Read the story one more time.

with them

refused to do

in charge

my boss

would argue

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 _____ 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 answer orally.
- 2 Who is the stubborn character? Defend answer orally.

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

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.			

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.
