



# Characters Are Such Characters!

A WebQuest to study character traits.



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# Introduction



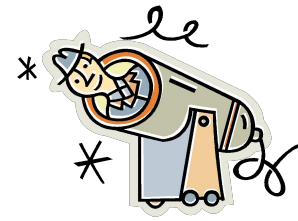
The way you live your life (when nobody is looking) is called your character. The characters in books have some of the same qualities that regular people have. You can tell a person's characteristics or traits by how they act. Character's act by doing, hearing, saying, thinking, feeling, and moving around. These actions tell a lot about them. If a character is singing while baking we could say they are happy. If they are crying and yelling on the phone we could say they are angry. When a character takes money from another we could say they are dishonest. Character's act in many ways and these actions tell us about their characteristics or character traits.

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# Task

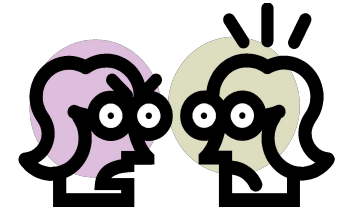


Your task is to write a short story that includes two characters, yourself and a friend. You need to decide which character trait(s) you are going to possess in your story and which trait(s) your friend is going to display. Your characteristics can be true to life or made-up. You have to include at least three story details or actions which infer the trait(s) you are trying to show. Make you and your friend as daring, jealous, wicked, or humorous as you wish. Remember, anything can happen in a story! Your imagination is limitless - have fun!



DARING

JEALOUS

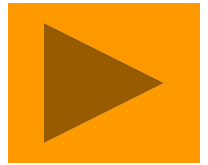


WICKED

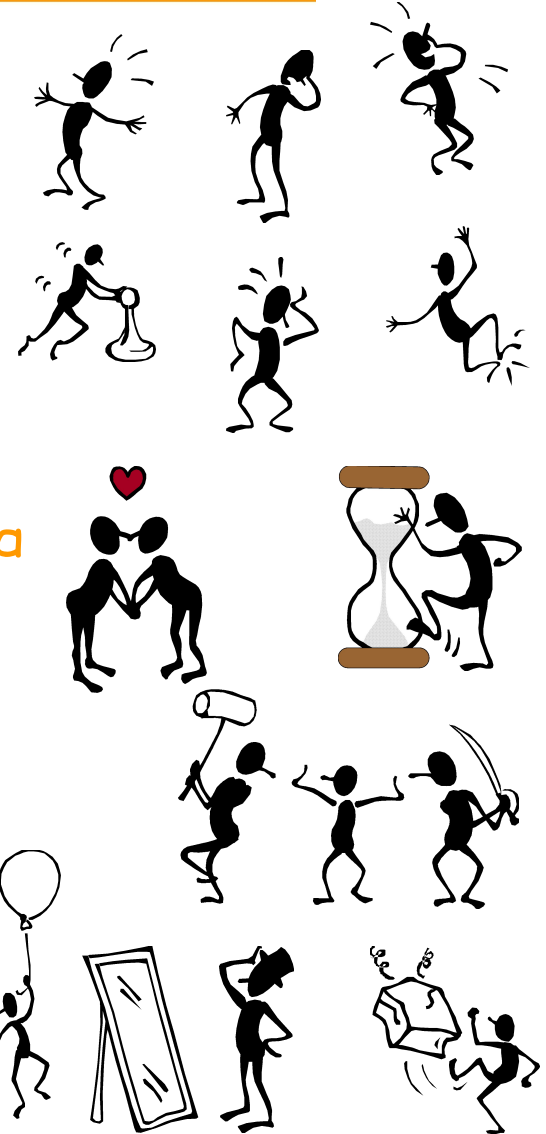
HUMOROUS



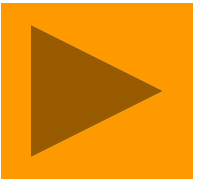
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1. Find out how to indentify character traits. This is an important first step if you want to create a character in a story. Click on the loving characters on the right to read about indentifying character traits! If you need to find the definition of a character trait click on the careless character at the bottom to take you to Merriam-Webster Dictionary to find out more!

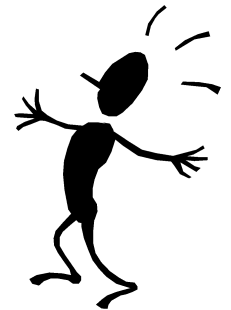
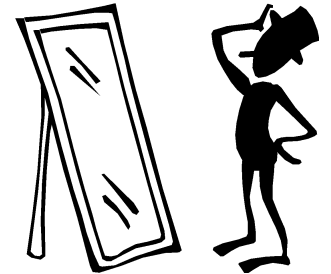


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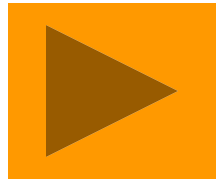


2. Read two more pieces of information about character development. First, click on the determined character on the right. Then click on the boastful character to find out more!

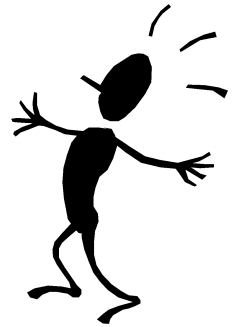
3. Now look over the list of character traits by clicking on the surprised character to the right. Discuss with a classmate which traits you possess.



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4. Click on the happy character to the right to read an excerpt (story sample) from the book, Johnny Hangtime. Then pick three character traits that the main character, Johnny, displays from the story. Click on the surprised character if you need to see the list again.
5. Click on the angry character for the organizer to record the character traits you chose for Johnny. Then record the details from the text that made you decide on that character trait.



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6. Now you are ready to pick character traits and actions for your own story. Click on the funny character on the right to find the organizer to help you guide your story. Remember all stories have characters, setting, problem, and solution. Think of how your two characters and their traits will effect those story elements.

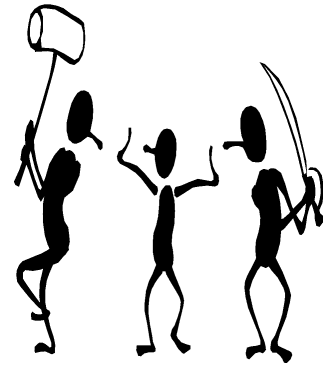


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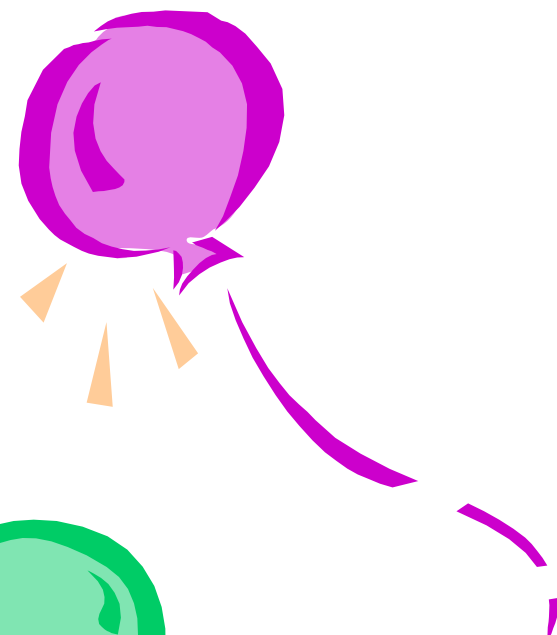
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Use the text box on the next screen to type your final story. You can use the resource page to find the site [dictionary.com](http://dictionary.com) to help you revise and edit your story. Don't forget about Merriam-Webster Dictionary for the definitions of character traits. Lastly, you can use the disagreeing characters at the right to find the rubric for your assignment.







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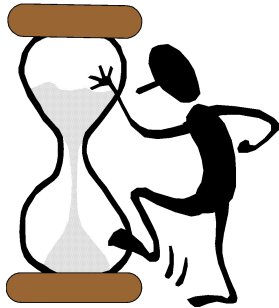


Look at the two characters from your story. Use the Character Traits Worksheet to classify your characters actions and their characteristics. Click on the angry character to the right to extend and classify your ideas.

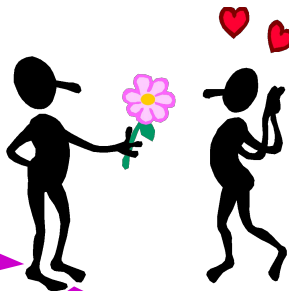


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Merriam-Webster Dictionary  
for character traits



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