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Creating Narrative Characters - Year 1

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NAME: _____

DATE: _____

SORT THE TRAITS

Physical traits are details we can see. Personality traits tell what a character is often like.

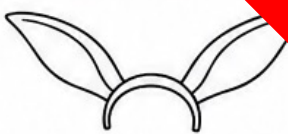
Directions: Cut out the eight cards. Paste or write each one in the correct box.

PHYSICAL TRAITS

What can we see?

PERSONALITY TRAITS

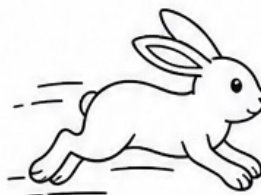
What is the character often like?



long green ears



purple boots



tiny and quick



silver key necklace



brave



patient



honest



playful

NAME: ANSWERS

DATE: _____

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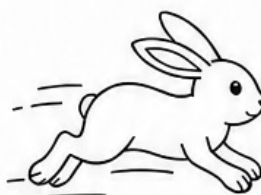
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FEELING OR TRAIT?

A feeling can change quickly. A personality trait is often true over time.

Read each word. Circle FEELING or TRAIT.

1. worried	☐ FEELING	☐ TRAIT	
2. generous	☐ FEELING	☐ TRAIT	
3. excited	☐ FEELING	☐ TRAIT	
4. patient	☐ FEELING	☐ TRAIT	
5. angry	☐ FEELING	☐ TRAIT	
6. honest	☐ FEELING	☐ TRAIT	
7. nervous	☐ FEELING	☐ TRAIT	
8. playful	☐ FEELING	☐ TRAIT	

One feeling that can change:

One trait that is often true:

Ask: Is this true right now, or is it often true?

NAME: ANSWERS

DATE: _____

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One feeling that can change:

worried

One trait that is often true:

generous

Ask: Is this true right now, or is it often true?

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

CHARACTER CLUE DETECTIVE

Read each clue. Infer one personality trait.

1



Lani finds a watch and hands it to the teacher.

I infer the character is _____.

2



Bo rebuilds the kite after the string snaps twice.

I infer the character is _____.

3



Niko waits quietly while a younger child ties a shoe.

I infer the character is _____.

4



Imani shares her new pencils with the group.

I infer the character is _____.

5



Leve climbs the dark stairs even though he feels scared.

I infer the character is _____.

6



Mae invents a tiny umbrella for a toy mouse.

I infer the character is _____.

Choose one clue. Explain your thinking.

I inferred _____ because the character _____.

NAME: ANSWERS

DATE: _____

CHARACTER CLUE DETECTIVE

Read each clue. Infer one personality trait.

1



Lani finds a watch and hands it to the teacher.

I infer the character is honest.

2



Bo rebuilds the kite after the string snaps twice.

I infer the character is determined.

3



Niko waits quietly while a younger child ties a shoe.

I infer the character is patient.

4



Imani shares her new pencils with the group.

I infer the character is generous.

5



Leve climbs the dark stairs even though he feels scared.

I infer the character is brave.

6



Mae invents a tiny umbrella for a toy mouse.

I infer the character is inventive.

Choose one clue. Explain your thinking.

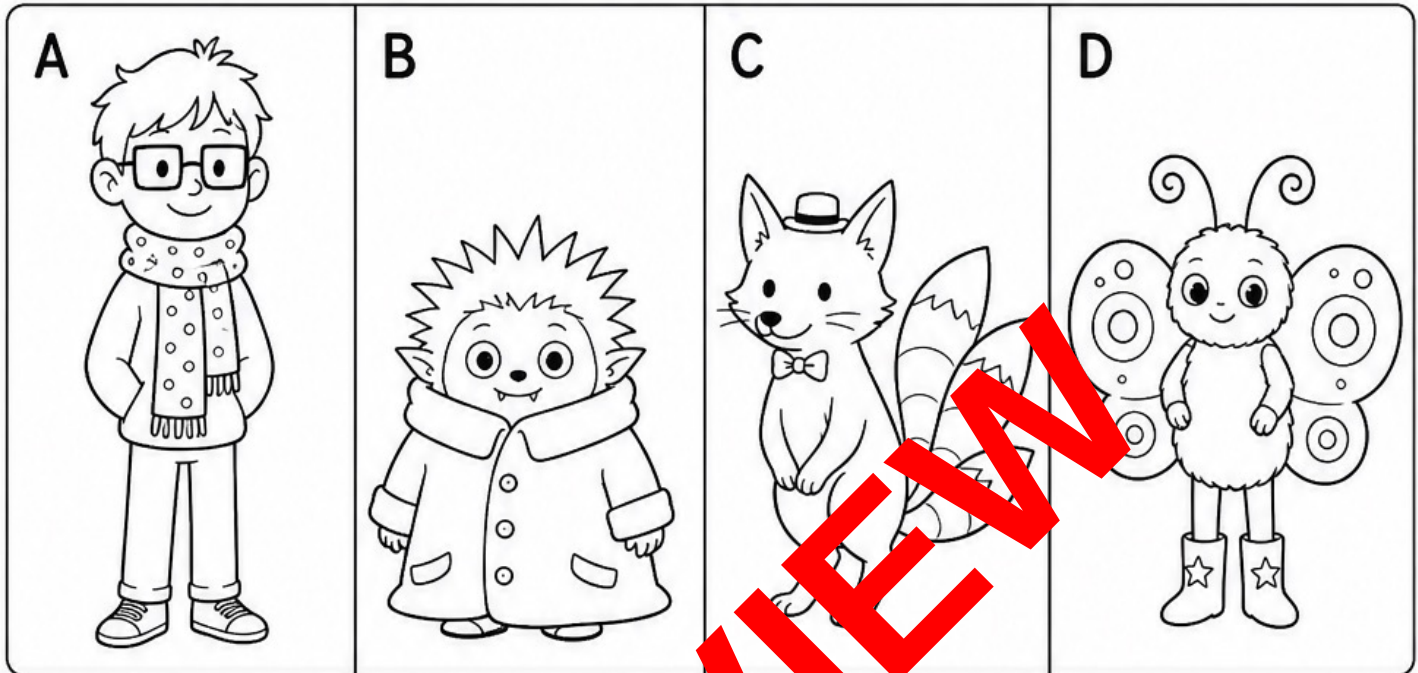
I inferred honest because the character returned the found watch.

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

WORDS AND PICTURES

Match each description to the character it shows.



1. I have three striped tails and a tiny hat.	Character: ____
2. I am tall with square glasses and a dotted scarf.	Character: ____
3. I have round wings, curly antennae and star boots.	Character: ____
4. I am short with spiky hair and an enormous coat.	Character: ____

Choose one match. Which words and picture details helped you?

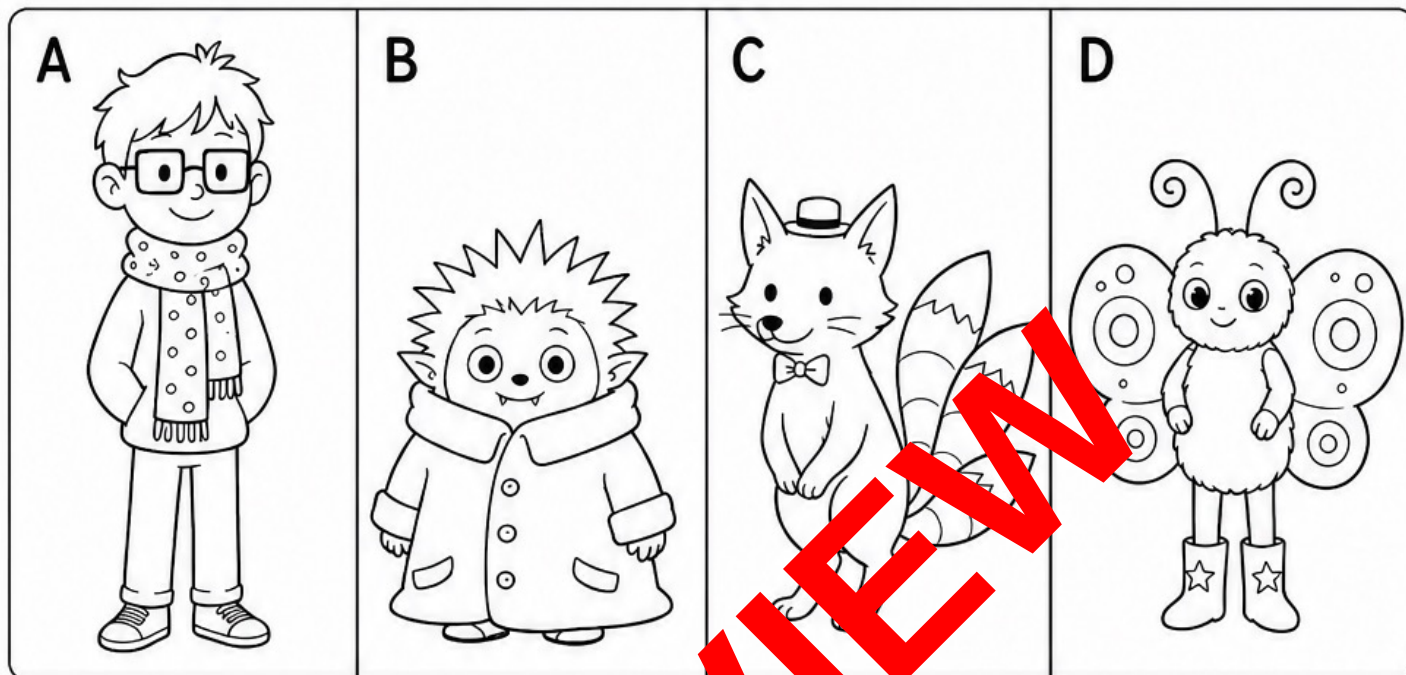
I matched ____ with ____ because both show _____.

NAME: ANSWERS

DATE: _____

WORDS AND PICTURES

Match each description to the character it shows.



1. I have three striped tails and a tiny hat.	Character: <u>C</u>
2. I am tall with square glasses and a dotted scarf.	Character: <u>A</u>
3. I have round wings, curly antennae and star boots.	Character: <u>D</u>
4. I am short with spiky hair and an enormous coat.	Character: <u>B</u>

Choose one match. Which words and picture details helped you?

I matched 1 with C because both show three striped tails
and a tiny hat.

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

SHOW THE TRAIT

Do not only name the trait. Show it with an action, a thought or a line of dialogue.

BRAVE



Write or draw a clue that shows this trait.

GENEROUS



Write or draw a clue that shows this trait.

PATIENT



Write or draw a clue that shows this trait.

INVENTIVE



Write or draw a clue that shows this trait.

You could show: action • thought • dialogue • face • body • voice

Choose one clue. Add a character name and a setting.

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

MY CHARACTER PROFILE

Choose, draw and write to create an original narrative character.

DRAW YOUR CHARACTER



CHARACTER NAME: _____

PERSON, ANIMAL OR CREATURE: _____

ONE PHYSICAL TRAIT: _____

ONE PERSONALITY TRAIT: _____

FEELING RIGHT NOW: _____

SPECIAL OBJECT: _____

CHOICE BANK

brave curious generous patient playful honest helpful determined
tall tiny scary spotty curly winged bright striped
happy worried excited calm cross surprised

MY CHARACTER WANTS

My character wants _____.

SHOW THE TRAIT

My character is _____.

I show this when _____.

ONE LINE OF DIALOGUE

My character says,

“ _____ ”

☐ I added a physical trait.

☐ I added a personality trait.

☐ I showed a clue.

MY CHARACTER PROFILE – CORE

Plan a character and give readers evidence.

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

DRAW YOUR CHARACTER

CHARACTER NAME: _____

PERSON, ANIMAL OR CREATURE: _____

TWO PHYSICAL TRAITS: _____

TWO PERSONALITY TRAITS: _____

FEELING RIGHT NOW: _____

WHAT THE CHARACTER WANTS: _____

A WORK OR PROBLEM: _____

SETTING:

Where is the character, and which detail matters?

PROVE A PERSONALITY TRAIT

Choose one trait. Give the reader three clues.

ACTION —

My character _____.

THOUGHT —

My character thinks, “_____.”

DIALOGUE —

My character says, “_____.”

Which clue is strongest? Why?



NAME: _____

DATE: _____



SET THE SCENE

Place a character somewhere that changes what they do, notice or feel.

CHARACTER:

SETTING:

TIME OR WEATHER:

DRAW THE CHARACTER IN THE SETTING

Include character details and at least three setting clues.

THE CHARACTER CAN SEE

THE CHARACTER CAN HEAR OR FEEL

THE SETTING CHANGES THE CHARACTER

Because of the setting, my character _____.

SHOW A TRAIT

Readers can infer my character is _____
because _____.

☐ character details ☐ three setting clues ☐ a feeling ☐ an action that shows a trait

