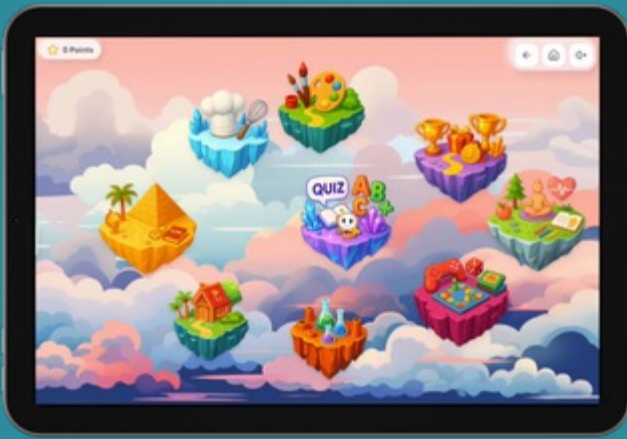


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Character Trait Clues



A character trait
tells what a
character is like.

Look for clues in:



actions



words



thoughts



feelings

Clues + what I know = I can infer



I think the character is ____
because ____.

- kind
- brave
- honest
- caring
- patient
- helpful

Trait Clue Cards



1



Mia shared her crayons when a friend had none.

What trait?

2



Leo told the truth about the spilled paint.

What trait?

3



Ava tried again after her tower fell down.

What trait?

4



Sam waited calmly for his turn.

What trait?

5



Zoe helped a new student find the library.

What trait?

6



Max stood up for a friend who felt sad.

What trait?

Read the clue. Infer the trait. Tell why.

Character Trait Trail

DIRECTIONS

Roll. Move.
Read a card.
Say: I think
the character
is ____
because ____.



TRAIT WORD BANK

★ kind

★ caring

★ brave

★ helpful

★ honest

★ patient

START ★

action
clue

word
clue

thought
clue

feeling
clue

tell
why

trait
word

move
ahead 1

try
again

feeling
clue

action
clue

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FINISH ★

Name: _____

Actions Show Traits

Read or listen. Circle the trait that fits the action.

1.



Nina picked up the books that fell from the shelf.

kind

bossy

lazy

2.



Ari climbed back on the bike after falling off.

brave

rude

sleepy

3.



Ella waited quietly while her friend had a turn.

patient

silly

mean

4.



Tom put the lost hat in the class lost box.

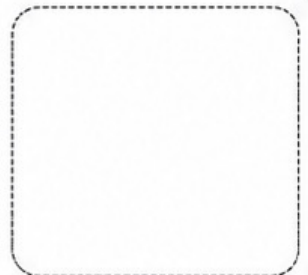
responsible

cheeky

sad

Choose one. I think the character is _____

because _____

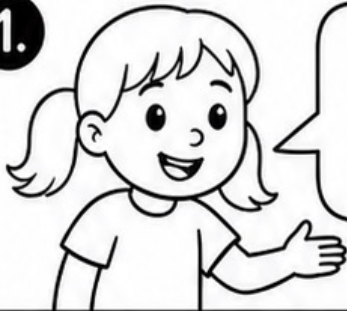


Name: _____

Words Show Traits

Read or listen. Circle the trait that fits the words.

1.



"You can go first," said Mia.

helpful

selfish

angry

2.



"I broke the cup. I am sorry," said Leo.

honest

bossy

lazy

3.



"Come and play with us," said Zoe.

friendly

rude

sleepy

4.



"Please use my spare pencil," said Sam.

kind

mean

noisy

My clue was the character's words.

I think _____ is _____ because _____.

Name: _____

Thoughts and Feelings

Read or listen. Circle the trait that fits the clue.

1.



I will
keep trying.

Ben thought, "I will keep trying."

determined

lazy

unkind

2.



Lily felt happy when her friend won.

supportive

jealous

bossy

3.



I wonder
how this
works.

Omar thought, "I wonder how this works."

curious

rude

tired

4.



Ruby felt thankful for the help.

grateful

silly

mean

The clue was a thought or feeling.

I think _____ is _____ because _____.

Name: _____



Character Profile

Read or listen. Use clues to infer the trait.

At tidy-up time, Poppy saw **crayons** on the floor. She picked **them up and** put them in the tub. **Then she helped** Jai find his **missing glue stick**.

What clues did you use?

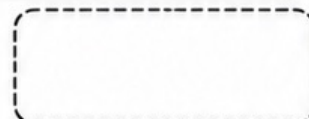
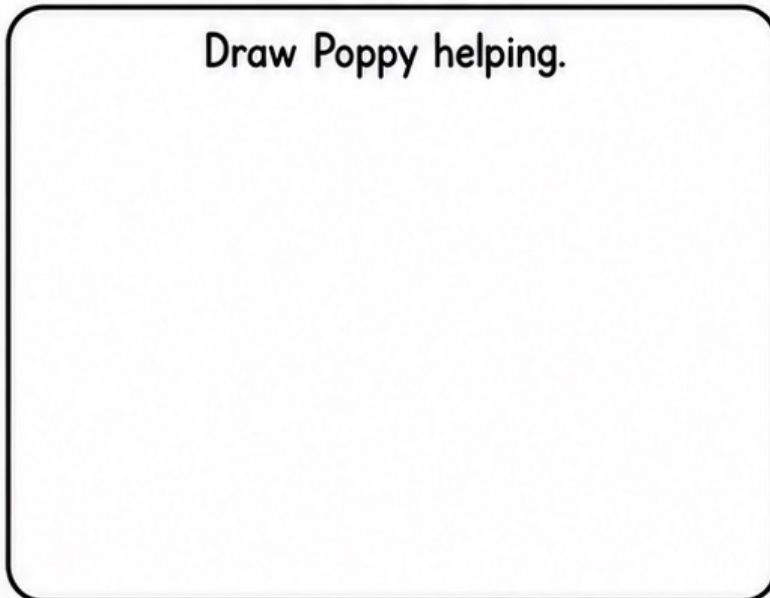


I think Poppy is:

My clue is:



Draw Poppy helping.



Name: _____

Trait Match

Draw a line to match each trait.

Trait



kind



brave



honest

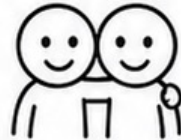


patient



curious

What it means



Helps others.



Tries even
when scared.



Tells the truth.



Waits calmly.



Wants to
learn more.

Choose one trait. Draw a character showing it.



Name: ANSWERS

Actions Show Traits

Read or listen. Circle the trait that fits the action.

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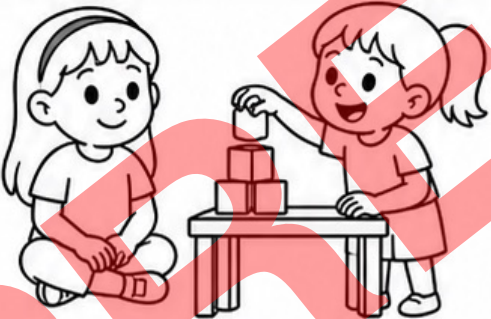
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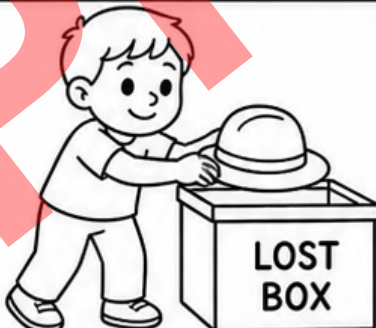
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silly

mean

4.



Tom put the lost hat in the class lost box.

responsible

cheeky

sad

Choose one. I think the character is kind

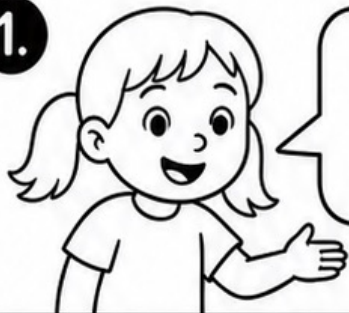
because she picked up the books.

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kind

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noisy

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I think Mia is helpful because she let someone go first.

Name: ANSWERS

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I think Ben is determined.
because he will keep trying.

Name: ANSWERS



Character Profile

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What clues did you use?



I think Poppy is:

helpful

My clue is:

She picked up the crayons

and helped Jai.



Draw Poppy helping.

Name: **ANSWERS**

Trait Match

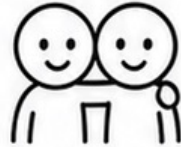
Draw a line to match each trait.

Trait

What it means



kind



Helps others.



brave



Tries even when scared.



honest



Tells the truth.



patient



Waits calmly.



curious



Wants to learn more.

Choose one trait. Draw a character showing it.

Any clear drawing of a matching trait.



Character Clue Detectives

Read or listen. Use clues to infer a trait.

Story:

In the library, Nora found a bookmark on the floor. She looked for the owner. Then she helped a younger student find a missing book. Nora smiled and said, "I can help you."



1. Circle Nora's trait.

kind

bossy

lazy

2. Which clue helped you?

actions

words

thoughts

feelings

3. I think Nora is _____ because _____.

4. Draw Nora helping.

5. Add one more clue that would show Nora's trait.

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bossy

lazy

2. Which clue helped you?

actions

words

thoughts

feelings

3. I think Nora is kind because she helped the student.

4. Draw Nora helping.

Any drawing of
Nora helping.

5. Add one more clue that would show Nora's trait.

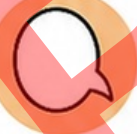
She shared a book

or used kind words.

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actions



words



thoughts

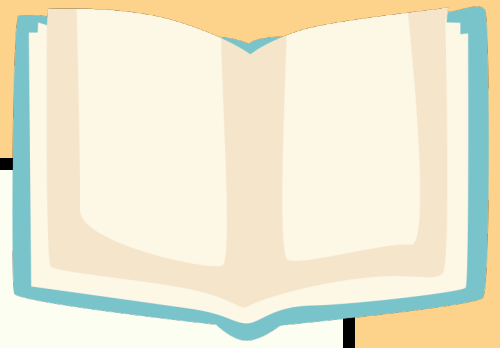


feelings

Criteria	BEGINNING	DEVELOPING	ACHIEVING	CONFIDENT	EXCEEDING
 Notices clues	Needs help to notice clues.	Notices one clue with support.	Notices actions, words, thoughts or feelings.	Notices more than one clue.	Chooses strong clues and explains them.
 Infers a trait	Needs choices and prompts.	Chooses a trait with support.	Chooses a sensible trait.	Chooses a trait that fits the clues.	Makes a clear inference and may suggest another trait.
 Explains thinking	Gives no reason yet.	Gives a simple reason with help.	Says I think ... because ...	Links the trait to a clue.	Explains clearly using clue words.
 Communicates response	Needs adult support.	Points, draws or says a response.	Draws, circles or writes a simple response.	Records a clear response.	Shares a detailed response with confidence.

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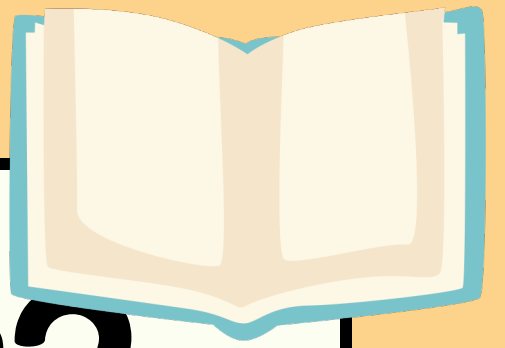
Learning Goal

We are learning to infer character traits.

We can use clues to explain what a character is like.



What Is A Character Trait?



A character trait tells what a character is like.

Traits can describe how a character acts, speaks, thinks or feels.



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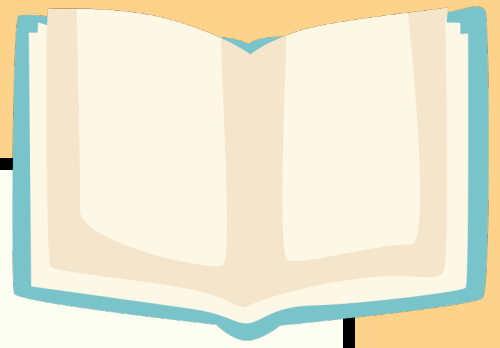


Look For Actions

Actions are things a character does.

If a character helps a friend, we might infer that they are kind or helpful.



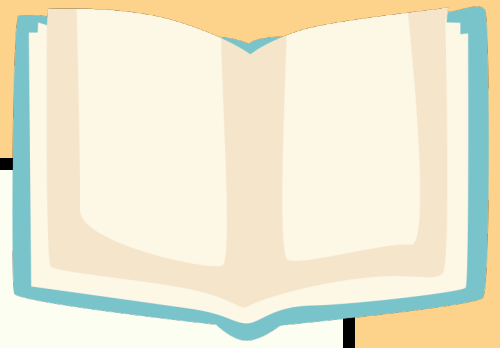


Listen For Words

Words are things a character says.

If a character tells the truth, we might infer that they are honest.



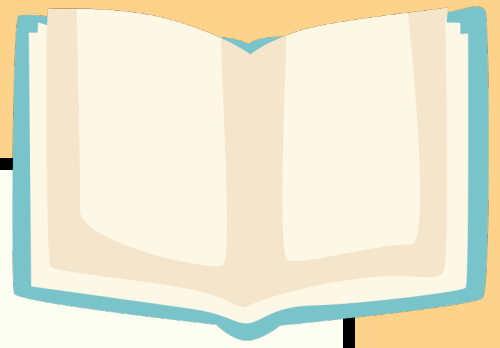


Notice Thoughts

Thoughts can show what a character cares about.

If a character thinks, I will keep trying, we might infer that they are determined.





Notice Feelings

Feelings can give trait clues.

If a character feels happy for a friend, we might infer that they are supportive.





Use What You Know

Readers use clues and what they know about people.

Clues plus what I know can help me infer.



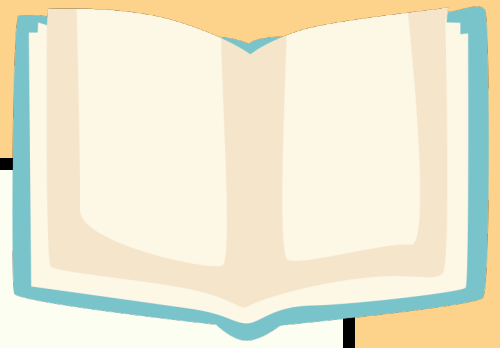


Explain The Inference

A helpful sentence frame is:

I think the character is ... because ...





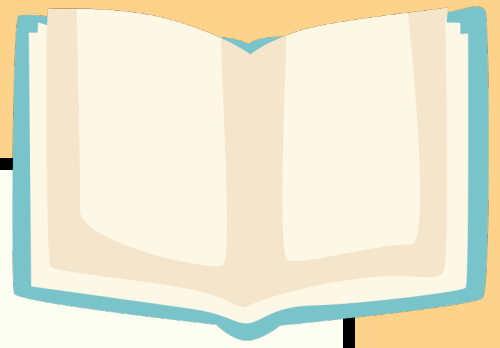
Try It Together

Nora found a bookmark and looked for the owner.

Then she helped a younger student find a book.

What trait can we infer?





Independent Practice

Read or listen carefully.

Look for action, word, thought and feeling clues.

Infer a trait and tell why.





Well Done!



Inferring Character Traits Quiz





Question 1

True or false: A character trait tells what a character is like.

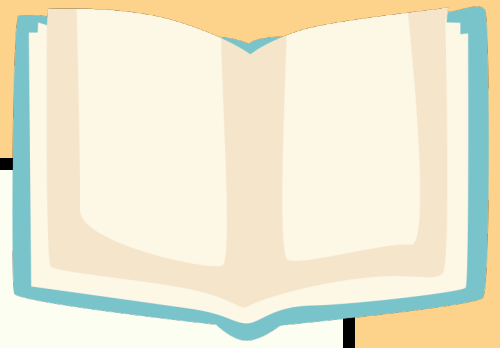




Answer 1

True. A trait tells what a character is like.





Question 2

Which clue can help you infer a trait?

- A. actions
- B. words
- C. thoughts
- D. all of these

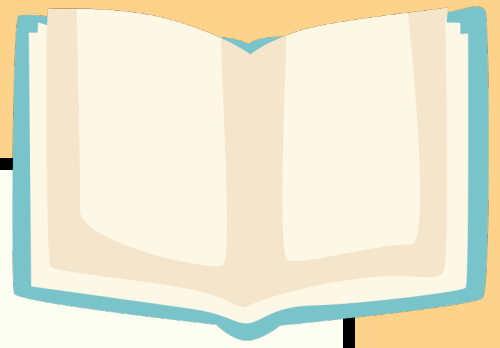




Answer 2

D. All of these can help us infer a trait.





Question 3

Short answer: What sentence starter can help you explain a trait inference?

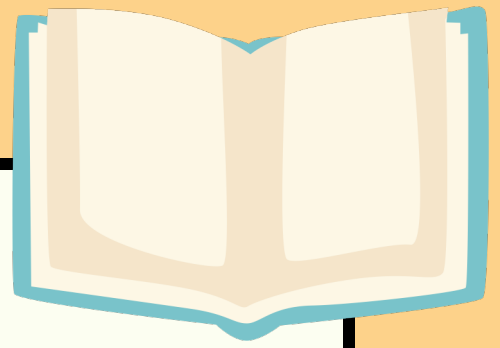




Answer 3

A useful sentence starter is: I think ... because ...





Question 4

Mia shared her crayons with a friend. What trait might fit?

- A. kind
- B. lazy
- C. bossy
- D. sleepy





Answer 4

A. Kind.



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Question 5

True or false: We can infer a trait only from a character's clothes.

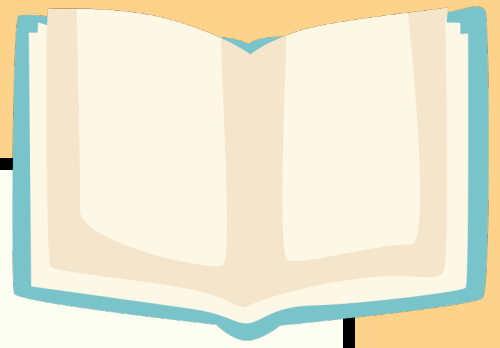




Answer 5

False. We use actions, words, thoughts and feelings.





Question 6

Leo said, I broke the cup. I am sorry. What trait might fit?

A. honest

B. noisy

C. unkind

D. silly





Answer 6

A. Honest.



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Question 7

Short answer: Name one clue type readers can use for character traits.



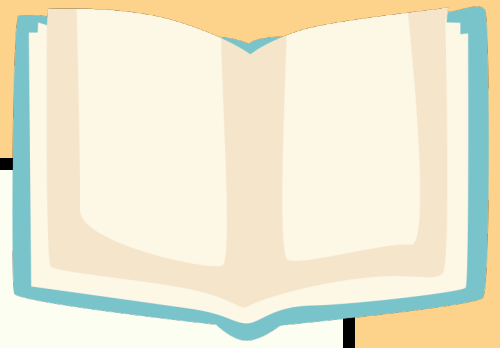


Answer 7

Answers may include actions, words, thoughts or feelings.



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Question 8

Ari tried again after falling off the bike. What trait might fit?

A. determined

B. rude

C. lazy

D. bossy



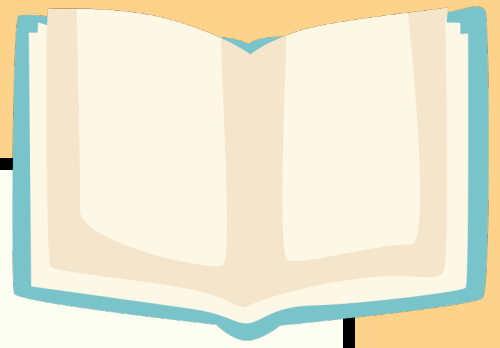


Answer 8

A. Determined.



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Question 9

True or false: A good inference should match the clues.



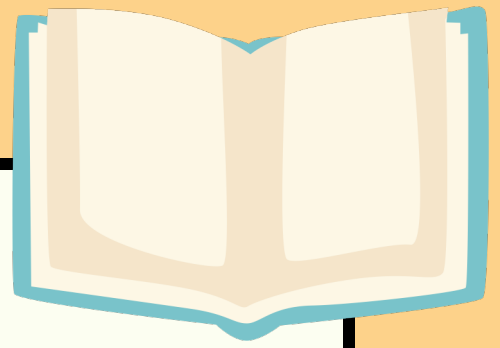
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Answer d

True. A good inference fits the clues.





Question 10

Ruby felt thankful for the help. What trait word might fit?



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Answer 10

Grateful is a good trait word for Ruby.





Well Done!

