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Subject: Reading Comprehension

Topic: Character Traits

Character traits are the words that **describe a character's personality**.

Character trait is a word that tells what a character is like on the inside.

Sometimes when we are reading the writer or author can tell us what a character is like. The trait of the character appears directly in the sentence or passage. The reader just has to look in the sentence or passage and find the character trait.

At other times, the reader can not directly find or see the traits of characters in the passage. Instead the reader has to read through the lines. **When we read through the lines we infer.**

To **infer** is **to make a well informed guess**.

The reader **uses clues and information from the passage or story** to make an educated guess or inference about traits of the characters.

For example:

If you see your mom's bag on the table, you might infer that she's home.

Sometimes, readers choose character traits by inferring.

You can infer or analyze, which also means to examine or find out traits about the character or characters by using four ways.

The **FOUR** ways we can **INFER** character traits are:

1. **Feelings** – The way a character consistently **feel** in a certain way in the story.
2. **Actions**- The way a character consistently **act** in a certain way in the story.
3. **Dialogue**- It is what a character consistently **say** in the story.
4. **Thoughts**- It is how a character consistently **thinks** in the story.