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## LANGUAGE ARTS / MS. JOHANNA

### CHARACTER TRAITS

**Instruction: Write an X next to the correct answer. (2pts each)**

#### Question 1

Which is the best example of a character trait?

- \_\_\_\_\_ a favorite pet
- \_\_\_\_\_ a math teacher
- \_\_\_\_\_ the people in a story
- \_\_\_\_\_ independent and bold

#### Question 2

Which of the following is NOT a character in this story?

- \_\_\_\_\_ Margo
- \_\_\_\_\_ the birds
- \_\_\_\_\_ Margo's grandfather
- \_\_\_\_\_ the squirrel

Margo watched the birds at the birdfeeder. Suddenly, a bushy-tailed squirrel appeared. In a flash, it was eating birdseed. Margo rushed to the door, clapped her hands, and yelled, "Get out of here!" It looked directly at her and kept eating. Margo ran outside and scared the squirrel away.

When Margo went back in the house, the squirrel returned. Again she rushed out and chased it away. They played the game for an hour. Every time she went outside, the squirrel chattered and fussed at her.

Finally, the phone rang interrupting the game. "Hello, Margo. This is Grandpa. How do you like the birdfeeder?"

#### Question 3

Which of the following is NOT a character trait of the squirrel in the previous story?

- \_\_\_\_\_ persistent
- \_\_\_\_\_ friendly
- \_\_\_\_\_ hungry
- \_\_\_\_\_ fussy

## Question 4

From the passage, readers can tell that Lisa—

- \_\_\_\_\_ thinks only about herself
- \_\_\_\_\_ is in a track meet next month
- \_\_\_\_\_ has a bad temper
- \_\_\_\_\_ cares about Aaron's well-being

Lisa loved running, and today was going to be perfect weather for it, too. When she got to the park, she saw Aaron, her running partner. He was slouched over on a bench, looking miserable. "I sprained my ankle yesterday," he said moodily.

Lisa looked concerned. "Does that mean you can't run in Saturday's track meet? That's terrible, Aaron. You've been training for so long!"

Aaron sulked some more. "The doctor said it'll be at least ten days before I can run again."

"Well, you'll still come and cheer me on, right?" Lisa asked hopefully.

"Oh, I'll be there all right," Aaron suddenly sat up straight, looking more determined than he had moments earlier. "I'm the only person who can keep myself from running in Saturday's meet, and I'm going to be in that race," he insisted.

"What about your doctor's—"

"What about her?" Aaron interrupted. "I'll stay off my feet and ice my ankle for two days. I'll be just *fine* by Saturday."

## Question 5

Which of the following words best describe Aaron's character traits in the previous passage?

- \_\_\_\_\_ determined and irresponsible
- \_\_\_\_\_ patient and enthusiastic
- \_\_\_\_\_ caring and content
- \_\_\_\_\_ competitive and responsible