

Имя Сорт Свидание

1. Character traits are adjectives that describe the qualities of a character.

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"Whoa!" her brother exclaimed, startled. "Well congratulations!"

Mei stood up and triumphantly strutted around the kitchen, transforming her walk around the breakfast table into a victory parade.

Her brother laughed, surprised and amused. "Who are you, and what have you done with me sister, Mei?" he teased.

Based on the passage, what can you infer about the main character Mei?

- a) Mei is outgoing and loud
- b) Mei is not very athletic
- c) Mei is not usually so boastful and energetic
- d) Mei is timid

4. What character trait is revealed in this passage?

Jonathan looked at the homeless dog walking down the street of his neighborhood. He approached the dog, slowly cautiously, with his hands stretched outward. After gaining his trust, Jonathan took the dog home, gave him a warm bath, and big bowl of food.

- a) impulsive
- b) obsessed
- c) humble
- d) compassionate

5. Javier was shopping at the grocery store for some olives. He needed a lot of olives, so he grabbed the large jar off of the shelf. Then he noticed the price. The large jar contained 20 oz. of olives and it cost \$3.99. He looked at the small jar of olives. It contained 10 oz. of olives and cost \$1.49. Javier put the large jar back and purchased two small jars of olives. What character trait does Javier demonstrate?

- a) Intelligent
- b) Angry
- c) Heroic
- d) Cruel

6. What conclusion can you draw about Jake's character?

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- b) Jake is caring
- c) Jake is selfish
- d) Jake is hungry

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- b) She is selfish
- c) She is hardworking
- d) She is philanthropic

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- b) He is insightful
- c) He is energetic
- d) He is lazy

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- b) His thoughts
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18. Which indirect characterization method does the author use in the passage below to show the reader that Jake is *selfless*?

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- b) Thoughts
- c) Effect on others

19. Which indirect characterization method does the author use in the passage below to show the reader that Kelvin is **honest**?

Kelvin found a wallet on the ground when he was walking home from lacrosse practice. He picked it up and opened it. Inside, he saw an elderly woman's ID and \$125. 'I better get this back to her,' Kelvin thought. 'She might really need this.'

- a) Speech
b) Thoughts
c) Actions

20. Which indirect characterization method does the author use in the passage below to show the reader that Beth is **mean**?

Corey dug through his backpack for a few minutes, but he could not find a pencil. He leaned over toward Beth and asked, "Can I please borrow a pencil for the quiz?"

"Get your own pencil, loser," Beth responded with a sneer.

"I just need it for this period," Corey replied. "If Mrs. Smith finds out I forgot a pencil again, I'm going to be in trouble."

"I don't care, dude. That's not my problem," Beth said.

- a) Speech
b) Looks
c) Thoughts

21. Which indirect characterization method does the author use in the passage below to show the reader that Khadija is **resourceful**?

Khadija's car broke down in the woods while he was driving across country last summer. 'Great,' he thought to himself. 'Just what I need.' He had no cell signal, and it was getting dark. He decided to stay put for the night, so he wouldn't end up lost and stranded. He unscrewed the antenna from his car and used it to catch fish in a nearby stream. He then used his car battery to create sparks and start a fire to cook his fish.

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22. Which indirect characterization method does the author use in the passage below to show the reader that Michael is **irresponsible**?

Michael got home, and his mom immediately reminded him to spend the next hour studying. "You **HAVE** to pass this math test, Michael," she said. "Please go upstairs now and start studying."

Michael went upstairs and sat down on his unmade bed. He flopped his backpack on the floor and picked up his PlayStation controller.

- a) Thoughts
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24. Character **traits** are adjectives that describe the qualities of a character.

A character's traits are different from a character's feelings. Characters' feelings, or emotions, are a character's emotional response to things that happen around them. Unlike character traits, feelings may come and go quickly.

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b) bold
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d) confused

25. Direct characterization is when the author tells us directly what the characters are like. The author may state the character's traits: "Kareem was a polite, patient boy who always listened to his parents."

Which of the following is an example of direct characterization?

- a) Andy was rude and usually didn't think of other people's feelings. b) Andy knew he got to the line late but decided to skip ahead anyways.
- c) "I got here first!" Andy growled at the small child waiting in front of him. d) "Andy is such a jerk," his sister sighed.
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29. A character, Nicki, is **friendly**. The author shows this by having Nicki sit down at a lunch table with a group of kids she doesn't know and introduce herself. What is the author using to show Nicki's trait?
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| a) Nicki's actions | b) other characters' reactions to Nicki |
| c) Nicki's feelings | d) Nicki's thoughts |
30. Read the following sentences from a story. Choose the character trait that best describes Grandpa.

Grandpa was 85 years old and had gone through many experiences in his life. Everyone in Grandpa's building went to him for advice. He always had the right answers. He helped people with their problems and gave them great recipes to try. "I've never met someone who knows as much as you do, Gramps!" exclaimed Simon.

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| a) wise | b) fortunate |
| c) magnificent | d) elegant |