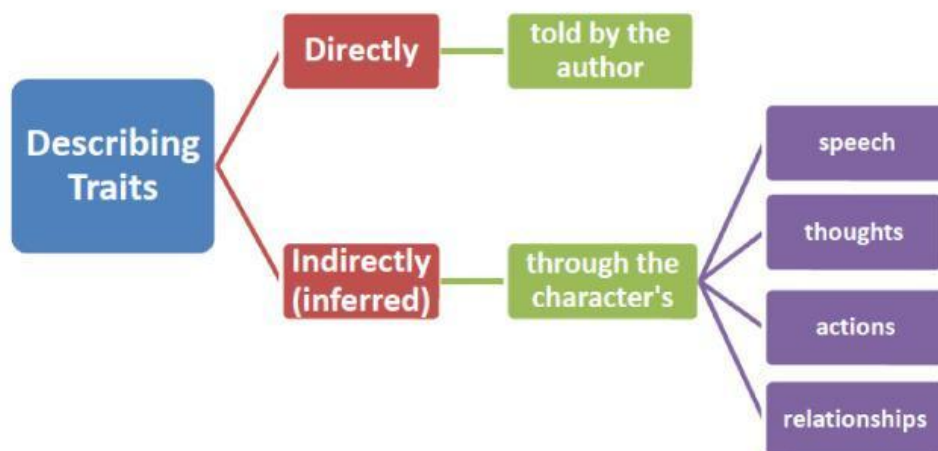


## Chapter 2: Character Traits

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When we talk about a character, we often describe that character in terms of **character traits**, descriptive adjectives like “*brave*” or “*determined*” that **tell us the specific qualities of the character**.

The author may tell us these traits directly, but more often the author will show us these traits in action. Our job as readers is to draw a conclusion about the character's traits (*to infer them*) from what the character **says, thinks, and does or from the character's relationships** with other characters.



Sally was happy to share the bread she made with villagers.

Sally was kind and generous.

Timmy was a very brave pony.

Timmy did not hesitate. He ran into the dragon's lair to rescue the young knight.

Emily is patient she took her time to learn each note perfectly even though it was difficult.

Emily slowly unpicked the knot. It took a long time but eventually she could start fishing again.

In Professor Magonicle's magic class, Thomas was always asking questions.

Thomas was not very curious. He lost interest in potions class very quickly.

Sarah is very responsible.

Sarah did not need to be reminded. Every day she put away the potions and sheets of spells. Her professors knew that she would always do a great job.

The young magician, always supported his friends and was greatly concerned when spells went wrong. He didn't want the others to be hurt or embarrassed.

Prince Alton always told the truth, even when it was difficult.

Prince Alton was very honest.

Alex is very creative.

Even with pieces of rubbish, as long as Alex had paint he could make something amazing.

Princess Molly was very organized.

Her room was always very tidy, Molly's belonging always had to be put away in certain spots.

The young knight was always polite to the princess.

He always waited his turn to speak, and never forgot to say, "thank-you"

What character traits are shown in these passages from Deltora Quest.

Event	Text (language)	Character Trait
The death of the old King	"He wished he could be beside his friend, to <b>comfort</b> him." (p.4)	<b>caring</b>
Jarred and Endon have their hair plaited	"They say- Endon patiently and Jarred <b>not so patiently</b> - while their long hair was plaited and twined with golden cord, according to the Rule." (p.3)	
Endon is proclaimed king	"Now for the first time he <b>wondered</b> how and why the Belt was made." (p.8)	
Jarred searches for information about the belt in the library	"But there were things he <b>needed to know</b> . And the library was the only place he was likely to find them out." (p.8) "After hours of searching, Jarred finally found a book that he thought might help him." (p.9)	
Jarred tries to persuade Endon to wear the belt	"Jarred <b>stamped his foot with impatience</b> . "Forget The Rule!" It is just a collection of traditions that have grown up over the years and been made law by the chief advisors." (p.14)	

What character traits best describe a young princess?



Brave	Caring	Sweet	Charming	Well Mannered
Determined	Untrustworthy		Wicked	Cunning
Sinister	Loyal	Kind	Polite	Miserable
Valiant	Friendly	Rude	Adventurous	Quiet
Sour	Strong-willed	Sensitive	Scared	Proud
Patient	Obedient	Jealous	Clever	Mad
Dutiful	Mean	Deceitful	Imaginative	

What character traits best describe a young prince?



Brave	Caring	Sweet	Charming	Well Mannered
Determined	Untrustworthy	Wicked	Cunning	
Sinister	Loyal	Kind	Polite	Miserable
Valiant	Friendly	Rude	Adventurous	Quiet
Sour	Strong-willed	Sensitive	Scared	Proud
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What character traits best describe a witch?



Brave	Caring	Sweet	Charming	Well Mannered
Determined	Untrustworthy	Wicked	Cunning	
Sinister	Loyal	Kind	Polite	Miserable
Valiant	Friendly	Rude	Adventurous	Quiet
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