Explicit vs. Implicit Character Traits

Grade 8 - ESL Practice

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Quick Review

EXPLICIT	The author **tells you** the character trait.
IMPLICIT	The author **shows you** what the character does. You decide the trait.

Example: "Ana is kind." = Explicit | "Ana helps a new student." = Implicit

Part 1 - Explicit or Implicit?

Read each sentence. Write **E** for Explicit or **I** for Implicit.

1. Luis is a kind boy. ____
2. Mia helps her friend with homework. ____
3. Carlos is very shy. ____
4. Sara shares her lunch with a classmate. ____
5. Noah is a brave student. ____
6. Emma sees a small dog in the street and stops to help it. ____
7. Jay is lazy. ____
8. Lina studies every night before a test. ____
9. Alex is an honest person. ____
10. Ben finds a phone and gives it to the teacher. ____

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Part 2 - Choose the Character Trait

Read the sentence. Choose the best character trait.

11. Tom gives his seat to an older woman on the bus.

A. kind	B. lazy
C. angry	D. shy

12. Nina studies for her test and finishes all her homework.

A. funny	B. responsible
C. rude	D. scared

13. Leo walks into a dark room to help his little brother.

A. brave	B. lazy
C. selfish	D. quiet

14. Amy does not talk in front of the class. She looks down when people speak to her.

A. honest	B. helpful
C. shy	D. mean

15. David tells the teacher that he broke the pencil.

A. honest	B. lazy
C. nervous	D. selfish

16. Sofia gives some of her snack to her friend.

A. angry	B. generous
C. scared	D. rude

17. Mark does not do his work. He puts his head on the desk.

A. brave	B. kind
C. lazy	D. honest

18. Eva waits for her turn and does not interrupt her classmates.

A. patient	B. selfish
C. mean	D. careless

19. Sam helps a classmate pick up books from the floor.

A. shy	B. helpful
C. angry	D. lazy

20. Kim wants the toy only for herself. She does not share.

A. generous	B. brave
C. selfish	D. patient

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