



Character Analysis

Characters can be:

- People
- Animals
- Creatures

Characters will:

- Think
- Feel
- Act (move & talk)

There are main, or **PRIMARY**, characters and supporting, or **SECONDARY**, characters.

Readers know a lot about **MAIN** characters and a little about **SUPPORTING** characters.

Character Traits are adjectives (describing words) that describe a character.

Physical traits are what a character looks like (tall, young, long hair, wears glasses).

Personality traits are what a character is like on the inside. These traits can be positive or negative.

Positive

- Loyal
- Intelligent
- Honest
- Dependable
- Polite
- Reliable
- Generous
- Considerate
- Caring

Negative

- Cruel
- Cowardly
- Dishonest
- Unfriendly
- Lazy
- Mean
- Disrespectful
- Jealous
- Bossy

Traits VS Emotions

Emotions describe how a character feels at a certain moment in time.

Traits describe the character's personality. It's how the character usually behaves.

Determining Character Traits FAST Readers can infer character traits by determining the characters:

Feelings: After seeing the library destroyed by the storm, Steven felt sad for all the kids who would miss going to check out books until the building could be replaced. (Trait: Caring)

Actions: When Steven saw the turtle stuck on its back, he gently turned it over and watched over it carefully until it reached the stream. (Trait: Caring)

Sayings (Dialogue): "Can I have my allowance a day early this week?" Steven asked his mom. "Someone is collecting money for the animal shelter." (Trait: Caring)

Thoughts: Oh, the new student looks nervous. I think I'll walk over and say hello. (Trait: Caring)