Characteristics

1. Choose a main character from your text.

2. Draw a sketch of the character on a piece of paper.

3. Label the character with characteristics (telling what the character is like).

Tip: Characteristics come from what a character does, says, and thinks. These traits reveal a character to be brave, thoughtless, kind, cruel, loving, curious, or friendly.

4. Give reasons for the characteristics you choose.

Tip: For example, you might write the label ‘emotional’ and use events from the text to provide reasons such as ‘always bursting into tears’ and ‘got very excited and shouted out when watching a movie.’

5. If you are having a group discussion, reread your notes. Share your sketch with your group and explain why you chose to include some of the characteristics you listed.

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