

# Character Traits

# Highlight key words and phrases.

- ★ Character traits are words that describe the aspects of a character's personality.
- ★ Character traits can be revealed through a character's:

Feelings

Actions

Speech

Thoughts



**Think FAST when describing  
a character's traits!**

# What does this say about my character?

Melanie, who is tall as a tree, marking at 6'10", towered over me, blocking the sun with her platinum blonde hair and sparkling blue eyes. Her smile crinkled her eyes, as the tears from her laughter streamed down her red, rosy cheeks. "Girl, you really need to work on your kickflip," Melanie giggled, as she is hoisting me off the ground, "or else you're going to be a professional Tech Dec skater with a broken leg." She brushed off the dirt from the jeans and grabbed her skateboard to continuously give me feedback, as she always does.

Melanie is helpful: Hoisted me up, give me feedback

Melanie is a friend: laughing at her falling, but helping the main character up

Melanie's description: platinum blonde hair, tall, blue eyes

Highlight the trait that best describes the character. Think FAST.

1. "I know the answer!" Maya shouted at her friend. "I'm not stupid!"

honorable      conceited      oversensitive

Highlight the trait that best describes the character. Think FAST.

2. Enzo's mouth always twitched and he bit his nails to the quick during a test.

deceitful      anxious      courageous

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3. When Cal saw his baby brother crying, he asked, "Are you hungry, buddy?"

sympathetic      defiant      envious

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4. Mira, avoiding her homework, decided to spend the day playing video games.

unmotivated      courteous      sinister

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5. Mama had already made up her mind about the dog. She wasn't budging.

aggressive      cowardly      willful

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6. Clara wasn't supposed to see what was in the box; she peeked anyway.

humorless      mischievous      animated

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7. Talking with people came easily to Malik, and everyone was his friend.

sociable      vindictive      studious

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8. "It's okay," said Jenna. "I understand why you didn't text me back."

dutiful      clever      merciful