

Crafting Character Descriptions

Learning objective: To use expanded noun phrases and precise adjectives to describe a character's appearance and personality.

Read each task carefully. Use the word bank to help you build descriptive sentences that paint a clear picture for the reader.

Character descriptions help readers imagine what a character looks like and how they act. By using expanded noun phrases (e.g., 'the fluffy, golden owl') and powerful adjectives, you can bring your character to life on the page.

Word bank: shimmering · determined · glistening · thoughtful · spectacles · vibrant · mischievous · magnificent · gentle · curious

1. Max the monkey is very clever. Write an expanded noun phrase to describe his appearance, including at least two adjectives and a noun. (2 marks)

2. Zara the zebra loves patterns. Write a sentence describing her coat using a simile (e.g., 'Her stripes were as bold as...'). (2 marks)

3. Look at the word 'thoughtful'. Explain what this tells us about a character's personality compared to the word 'mischievous'. (3 marks)

4. Pip the caterpillar is wearing a tiny hat. Write a sentence that describes the hat using an adjective and a prepositional phrase (e.g., 'on his head'). (2 marks)

5. Imagine Leo the lion is about to lead an adventure. Write two sentences describing how he looks and how he feels, using one adjective for each. (4 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Nova the owl wearing her favourite stargazing scarf. Around the drawing, write three adjectives that describe her personality.



Extension challenge: Choose one of the BookFlik characters and write a short paragraph (4-5 sentences) describing them. Try to include one expanded noun phrase and one interesting verb to show how they move.