

Character Creator: The Portrait of a Hero

Learning objective: To use expanded noun phrases and precise adjectives to create a detailed character description.

Use this template to design a unique character for a story. Think about how your character looks, how they behave, and what makes them special. Use the word bank to help you choose ambitious adjectives. When writing your answers, try to 'show, don't tell'—for example, instead of saying someone is kind, describe them sharing their lunch with a friend.

Word bank: mischievous · determined · radiant · obsidian · shimmering · clumsy · thoughtful · dazzling · mysterious · loyal · vibrant · ancient

1. Name and Appearance: Who is your character and what are their most striking physical features? Think about their hair, eyes, or unique markings. (2 marks)

2. Personality and Traits: How would you describe their temperament? Are they brave like Leo or inquisitive like Nova? Explain why they act this way. (3 marks)

3. The Character's 'Special Item': Every great character has an object they carry. What is it, what does it look like, and why is it important to them? (3 marks)

4. Actions and Movement: How does your character move? Do they stomp, glide, scurry, or leap? Describe them in action using a powerful verb. (2 marks)

5. Justify Your Choices: Compare your character to one of the BookFlik friends (e.g., Max or Pip). How is your character similar, and how are they completely different? (4 marks)

6. Predicting the Future: What might happen if your character suddenly lost their 'special item'? How would their personality change? (4 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (5-8 sentences) introducing your character in a new setting. Use at least two pieces of dialogue that reveal something about their personality without explicitly stating it.