

Creating a Character Portrait

Learning objective: To write a detailed character description using expanded noun phrases, adventurous adjectives, and fronted adverbials.

Use the prompts below to help you build a detailed description of a character. Think about how they look, how they move, and what makes them unique. Use your word bank to make your sentences more interesting.

As the sun began to set over the horizon, a mysterious figure emerged from the shadows of the ancient forest.

Word bank: shimmering · mysterious · incredibly · gracefully · although · furthermore · meanwhile · a striking feature · clutching · beside · unexpectedly

1. Physical Appearance: Describe what your character looks like. What colour are their eyes or clothes? What is a striking feature they have? Start with: The character stood tall, wearing... (3 marks)

2. Personality and Traits: What is your character like on the inside? Are they kind, brave, or perhaps a little bit mischievous? Start with: Deep down, they were known for being... (3 marks)

3. Movement and Action: How does your character move? Do they stomp, glide, or scurry? Start with: With a swift movement, they... (3 marks)

4. The Character's Treasure: What special item does your character always carry with them? Why is it important? Start with: Tucked safely in their pocket was... (3 marks)

5. Final Impression: How does someone feel when they first meet this character? Start with: When you first see them, you immediately notice... (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Try to include one 'show, don't tell' sentence. Instead of saying your character is nervous, describe how their hands are shaking or how they are avoiding eye contact.