

Character Creation Workshop with Pip the Bookworm

Learning objective: To develop complex characters using expanded noun phrases, adventurous vocabulary, and insights into personality and motivation.

Use this template to design a brand-new character for a story. Think about what makes your character unique. Use the word bank to help describe their appearance and personality. Aim to 'show, not tell' your reader who your character is by describing their actions.

Word bank: mysterious · exuberant · meticulous · determined · shimmering · extraordinary · peculiar · formidable · vibrant · cautious

1. Name and Appearance: Provide your character's name and describe their physical appearance. Use at least two expanded noun phrases (e.g., 'the glistening, silver scales'). (3 marks)

2. Personality and Motivation: What is your character's greatest strength, and what is one thing they are secretly afraid of? Explain why they might feel this way. (4 marks)

3. The Signature Item: If your character were to carry one special object in their pocket or bag, what would it be? Why is this object significant to them? (3 marks)

4. Justify your answer: If your character encountered a difficult obstacle, such as a locked gate or a missing map, how would they react? Compare their reaction to how a brave lion like Leo might respond. (4 marks)

5. What might happen if your character suddenly lost their 'Signature Item'? Describe the immediate consequences for your character's mission or mood. (4 marks)

6. Creative Extension: Write a short dialogue (2-3 lines) between your character and Pip the Bookworm. Ensure the dialogue reveals something new about your character's personality. (5 marks)

Extension challenge: Write a 'Day in the Life' paragraph for your character. How does their unique personality change the way they interact with the world around them? Use at least one fronted adverbial to describe their actions.