

Sheet 4: Analysing Character Dialogue

Worked example:

Read this line from Max the monkey: 'If we have five bunches of bananas and share them between ten friends, we each get half a bunch! Simple maths!' What does this tell you about Max?

Answer: It shows Max is enthusiastic and obsessed with solving problems using maths.

- **Read this dialogue from Pip the bookworm: 'Oh, look at this fascinating word! It sounds like a chime when I say it aloud. I must add it to my collection immediately.'**

Does Pip sound like someone who loves reading, or someone who loves sports?

- **Based on Pip's dialogue above, write one adjective that describes Pip's personality.**
- **Read this dialogue from Kit the fox: 'I have analysed the map, accounted for the wind speed, and found the shortest path to the treasure. Follow me, and we shall be there in exactly ten minutes.'**

What does Kit's way of speaking reveal about how Kit thinks?

- **Which word best describes Kit based on the dialogue above?**

Careless Logical Shy Lazy

- **Imagine Nova the owl sees a shooting star. Write one sentence Nova might say that shows she is a curious scientist.**

Self-check: Check your answers: Did you describe Pip as studious or curious, and Kit as logical or clever?

Ready for next: Once you can explain how a character's words show their personality, you are ready to analyse a longer passage.