

Year 4 English: Describing Characters

Learning objective: To use adjectives and expanded noun phrases to describe a character.

Read the short description below. Use the word bank to help you answer the questions. Write your answers in the spaces provided.

Zara the zebra loves to paint. She has a coat with black and white stripes. Zara has a kind smile and a gentle voice. She wears a bright red scarf when she goes outside to look for patterns in the garden.

Word bank: cheerful · striped · creative · kind · pattern · bright · soft · gentle

1. 1. What is Zara's job or favourite hobby? Write a full sentence. (2 marks)

2. 2. Find one adjective in the text that describes Zara's scarf. (1 mark)

3. 3. Which two adjectives are used to describe Zara's personality? (2 marks)

4. 4. Copy an expanded noun phrase from the text (e.g., 'adjective + noun'). (2 marks)

5. 5. Think of your own character. Write three sentences to describe what they look like and what they are wearing. Use at least two adjectives. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a new friend for Zara. Give them a name and draw them wearing something colourful.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Can you add a fronted adverbial to your description in question 5? (Example: 'In the garden, the bear...')