

Mastering Character Descriptions

Learning objective: To identify and use effective adjectives, expanded noun phrases, and show-don't-tell techniques to describe characters.

Read the clues and help our BookFlik friends learn more about writing. Answer all 10 questions carefully!

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.Simile, 4.B, 5.False, 6.Show-don't-tell, 7.A, 8.True, 9.Personality, 10.B

Word bank: Adjective · Metaphor · Simile · Personality · Expanded Noun Phrase · Show-don't-tell · Appearance

1. Which of these is an example of an expanded noun phrase? A) The monkey. B) Max the monkey. C) The energetic, clever monkey with a bright blue cap.* D) He climbed. (1 mark)

2. True or False: Describing a character's personality is just as important as describing their physical appearance. (True/False) (1 mark)

3. What do we call a comparison that uses 'like' or 'as' (e.g., 'Pip was as quiet as a falling leaf')? (1 mark)

4. Which sentence uses 'show-don't-tell' to describe a nervous character? A) Zara was very scared. B) Zara's hooves tapped rhythmically against the floor and she kept glancing at the clock.* C) Zara felt worried. D) Zara was not happy. (1 mark)

5. True or False: You should only use one adjective for every noun you write. (True/False) (1 mark)

6. Fill in the blank: Instead of saying 'Leo was brave,' a writer might use _____ to describe Leo standing tall and roaring at the storm. (1 mark)

7. Which of these words is the best adjective to describe Nova the owl? A) Observant* B) Loud C) Fast D) Sleepy (1 mark)

8. True or False: A metaphor says one thing IS another thing (e.g., 'Kit is a lightning bolt when he runs'). (True/False) (1 mark)

9. 9. Fill in the blank: When you describe how a character acts, speaks, and treats others, you are describing their _____. (1 mark)

10. 10. If you are describing Ellie the elephant, which detail would be most effective? A) She had four legs. B) She held a tattered, ancient map in her trunk, her eyes twinkling with stories of the past.* C) She was grey. D) She was big. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Kit the fox using a computer. Label your drawing with three _____ powerful adjectives that describe his personality.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (3-5 sentences) introducing a new BookFlik character. Use at least one simile and one expanded noun phrase.