

Sheet 13: Identifying Feelings and Motivation

Worked example:

Read this: 'Max the monkey saw a tricky maths puzzle on the board. He grabbed his pencil and sat up straight because he wanted to be the first to solve it.' How does Max feel and why? Answer: Max feels excited and determined because he wants to solve the puzzle.

Answer: Feeling: Excited/Determined. Motivation: He wants to solve the puzzle.

- **Read: 'Pip the caterpillar looked at the giant book. Her eyes widened and she smiled as she reached for her reading glasses.'** How does Pip feel and what is her motivation?

Feeling: Motivation:

- **Read: 'Nova the owl stared at the cloudy sky. She sighed and tucked her wings in because she could not see the stars she wanted to map.'** How does Nova feel and what is her motivation?

Feeling: Motivation:

- **Read: 'Leo the lion stood tall and roared a soft poem to his friends. He wanted to make them feel brave and happy.'** How does Leo feel and what is his motivation?

Feeling: Motivation:

- **Read: 'Zara the zebra quickly painted stripes on her canvas. She was rushing because the art competition was starting in five minutes.'** How does Zara feel and what is her motivation?

Feeling: Motivation:

- **Read: 'Bea the bee flew to the brightest flower. She buzzed happily as she collected nectar to feed her family.'** How does Bea feel and what is her motivation?

Feeling: Motivation:

Self-check: Check your answers: Did you use a feeling word (like happy or sad) and explain the 'because' part of their actions?

Ready for next: Once you can explain why characters act the way they do, you are ready to compare two different characters!