

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.