

Sheet 6: Analysing the Protagonist

Worked example:

Read this: 'Kit the fox adjusted his spectacles and quickly calculated the quickest route through the forest, tapping his paw impatiently.' What does this tell us about Kit? Example: Kit is intelligent and impatient because he is calculating a route and tapping his paw.

Answer: Kit is a logical thinker and perhaps a bit hurried.

- Read this short extract: 'Nova the owl sat high in the oak tree, her large eyes scanning the dark sky. She adjusted her telescope and whispered, "Every star has a story to tell, if only we take the time to listen." She carefully recorded the constellations in her leather-bound notebook.'
- Based on the extract, name one personality trait Nova has.
- Which specific action from the text shows that Nova is a patient observer?
- How does Nova's dialogue ('Every star has a story to tell') show us that she is curious about the world?
- Match the character trait to the evidence from the text:
Organized: Nova uses a notebook Scientific: Nova uses a telescope
- If Nova were offered a chance to sleep instead of stargazing, what would she choose and why?

Self-check: Check your answers against the text; ensure you have used evidence from the story to explain each personality trait.

Ready for next: Once you can confidently link a character's actions to their personality, you are ready to analyze more complex language in Shakespeare-inspired texts.