

Character Creator: The Adventurer's Portrait

Learning objective: To use expanded noun phrases and precise adjectives to describe a character's appearance and personality in a creative drawing.

Use your imagination to design a brand-new character who might join Leo the Lion on his next expedition. Use the drawing prompt below to bring them to life, then use the word bank to label your character's key features and equipment.

Draw: Draw a full-body portrait of your original explorer character. Focus on detail: include at least three pieces of adventuring equipment (e.g., a satchel, a magnifying glass, a tattered map, or a pair of sturdy, mud-splattered boots). Use a realistic art style. Ensure the character's facial expression hints at their personality—are they nervous, courageous, or perhaps a bit mischievous? Label your drawing with precise, ambitious vocabulary.



Label words: weather-beaten · intrepid · tarnished · shimmering · meticulous · resilient · ornate · vibrant · determined · enigmatic

Steps:

1. Identify one physical trait you have drawn and explain how this suggests your character is 'resilient'.
2. Compare and contrast your character with Leo the Lion. What makes your character unique in terms of their skills?

3. Justify your choice of clothing for your character. Why is this outfit suitable for an expedition?
4. What might happen if your character found a mysterious, ancient map hidden in their pocket? Write a short, dramatic opening sentence for this discovery.
5. Label your drawing with at least four adjectives from the word bank, drawing lines to the specific details they describe.
6. Explain why a reader might find a character with a 'tarnished' compass more interesting than one with a brand-new, shiny one.