

# Mastering Character Description: Creating Vivid Personalities

*Learning objective: To use expanded noun phrases, precise adjectives, and relative clauses to construct compelling character descriptions.*

Read each question carefully. Use your imagination to create original characters and use sophisticated vocabulary to describe their appearance, personality, and actions. Ensure you use a range of sentence structures.

Character description is the art of showing, not just telling. Instead of saying a character is 'happy', describe the way their eyes crinkle at the corners like crumpled parchment when they laugh, or how their stride lightens as if they are walking on air.

*Word bank: formidable · meticulous · ethereal · boisterous · resilient · scintillating · enigmatic · whimsical · perceptive · indomitable*

**1. Choose one of the BookFlik characters (e.g., Nova the owl or Kit the fox). Write three sentences describing their physical appearance. Use at least two expanded noun phrases and one relative clause. (3 marks)**

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**2. Compare and contrast the personalities of two different BookFlik characters. How do their contrasting traits influence the way they might solve a difficult problem? Justify your answer. (4 marks)**

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**3. Explain why an author might choose to describe a character's internal thoughts rather than just their external appearance. How does this affect the reader's empathy? (3 marks)**

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**4. Rewrite this simple sentence to make it more descriptive and engaging: 'The monkey climbed the tree.' Include an adverb to describe the movement and an adjective to describe the tree. (2 marks)**

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**5. What might happen if you changed a character's 'meticulous' nature to 'reckless' in a story about a treasure hunt? Describe the shift in the character's likely actions. (3 marks)**

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**Draw:** Sketch a new, original character you have invented for a story. Around the edges of your sketch, write five 'show, don't tell' phrases that describe their personality without using the words 'nice', 'mean', or 'brave'.



*Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph (80-100 words) introducing a brand new character. You must include one piece of dialogue that reveals something important about their history or their goal. Use at least three words from the word bank provided.*