

Character Creation Workshop with Leo the Lion

Learning objective: To develop complex character descriptions by using show-don't-tell techniques, expanded noun phrases, and emotive language.

Leo the Lion wants to help you create a brand-new character for your next story. Use this template to build a detailed profile. Remember to show your character's personality through their actions, rather than just listing adjectives. Be as creative as you can!

Word bank: mysterious · battered · glistening · determined · exquisite · stumbled · shimmering · cautious · magnificent · vivid

1. Name and Physical Appearance: What is your character's name? Describe their most striking physical features using at least two expanded noun phrases. (3 marks)

2. The Hidden Secret: Every great character has a secret. What is something your character keeps hidden from others, and why do they keep it a secret? (3 marks)

3. Show, Don't Tell (Personality): Instead of saying your character is 'brave' or 'kind', describe an action they take that proves this personality trait. (4 marks)

4. The Precious Item: If your character could only carry one object in their pocket, what would it be? Describe how it looks and why it matters to them. (3 marks)

5. A Signature Habit: Describe a unique physical habit or gesture your character performs when they are feeling nervous or excited (e.g., tapping a ring, adjusting a hat). (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Now that you have your character, write a short paragraph describing them walking into a busy marketplace. How do they react to the sights and sounds around them?