

Crafting Compelling Characters

Learning objective: To use expanded noun phrases, adventurous vocabulary, and sensory details to describe a character.

Read each question carefully and use your best descriptive writing skills to answer. Remember to show the reader what a character is like through their actions and appearance rather than just telling them.

N/A - This worksheet focuses on creative composition and descriptive techniques.

Word bank: vibrant · meticulous · shimmering · formidable · diligent · whimsical · weather-beaten · gleaming · agile · mysterious

1. Max the monkey is busy solving a complex math puzzle. Write an expanded noun phrase to describe his clever, nimble fingers as he works. (2 marks)

2. Nova the owl is watching the night sky. Instead of saying 'the owl looked at the moon', write a sentence using a metaphor to describe the moon and a verb to describe how she watches it. (2 marks)

3. Ellie the elephant has a wonderful memory. Use two adjectives from the word bank to describe her personality and write a sentence explaining how she uses her memory to help others. (3 marks)

4. Zara the zebra is painting a masterpiece. Describe her art studio using at least two sensory details (sight, sound, or smell). (3 marks)

5. Kit the fox has just solved a tricky computing puzzle. Write a short paragraph (3-4 sentences) describing his reaction using 'show, don't tell' techniques (e.g., instead of saying he is happy, describe his tail wagging or his ears perking up). (4 marks)

Draw: Choose one of the BookFlik characters and draw them in their favorite setting. Around the edge of your drawing, write four descriptive adjectives that best suit their personality.



Extension challenge: Imagine a new character who loves to bake cakes that cost £5.50 each. Write a character description that includes their appearance, their favorite ingredient, and a hint about why they are so busy in the kitchen.