Character Description Masterclass

Learning objective: To identify and use adjectives, expanded noun phrases, and feelings to create vivid character descriptions.

Read each flashcard to learn tips for writing great character descriptions. Use these ideas to describe Pip, Nova, Max, and their friends!

What is an adjective?

A word that describes a noun, like 'fluffy' or 'bright'.

What is an expanded noun phrase?

A noun phrase with at least one adjective to add detail, like 'the clever, golden owl'.

What does 'appearance' mean?

How a character looks on the outside, such as their size, color, or shape.

What does 'personality' mean?

What a character is like on the inside, such as if they are kind, brave, or grumpy.

How can you show a character's emotion?

By describing their actions, like 'she smiled brightly' or 'he trembled with fear'.

Which adjective describes Max the monkey's love for math?

Enthusiastic (or curious/clever).

Give an expanded noun phrase for Pip the caterpillar.

The tiny, green, hungry caterpillar.

Why do we use vivid verbs in descriptions?

To show exactly how a character moves or acts, like 'scampered' instead of 'ran'.

What is a physical feature?

A specific part of a character, such as 'long ears', 'sharp claws', or 'bright feathers'.

How can you describe a character's voice?

By using words like 'whispered', 'shouted', 'squeaked', or 'rumbled'.

Why is it important to describe a character's setting?

To show how the character interacts with the world around them.

Create a short description of Zara the zebra.

Zara is a creative zebra with striking black and white stripes and a colorful paintbrush in her hoof.