

Character Traits

Objective

Students will describe characters in texts.

Materials

- Fiction text from basal reader or novel
- Character Traits handout

Overview

Explicitly teach character traits and provide corrective feedback.

Activity

1. Explain the character traits on the handout.
2. Review the example on the first page of the handout.
3. Assign students a character from the text.
4. Have students read the text, using a sticky note to mark examples of the character traits.
5. Scaffold students as they complete the handout.

Activity Extension

Have students use sticky notes to mark examples of characters' motivations and feelings.

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Character Traits

Example

Name

Mickey Mouse

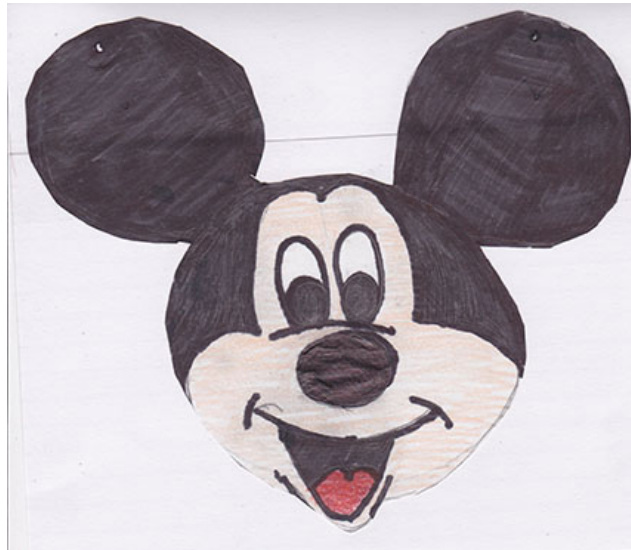
Physical Description

White gloves, red shorts, yellow shoes,
long tail, big ears

Something Important the Character Says

When does our adventure start,
Minnie?

Your Drawing



Important Action

Mickey packs his bags and heads for
the beach.

Personality

Happy, silly, giving, helpful, kind, sharing

Character Traits

Name

Physical Description

**Something Important
the Character Says**

Your Drawing

Important Action

Personality