

Character Clue Sheet

Use these questions to search for clues that tell you about the characters. The questions can help you get started. Don't feel that you have to answer every one of them. Just use them to think about what stands out about the character you're discussing.

What does the character look like?

- How does the character dress? What color are his or her clothes? How would you describe them?
- What kind of body does the character have? For instance, is the character tall or short?
- Does the character usually have other items with him or her? For example, does the character wear glasses or always carry a backpack?
- Does the character have any special features that would stand out in a crowd? If so, what are they?
- Does the character's appearance change? What do you notice about it?

What does the character say and do?

- What does the character say? To whom does he or she speak?
- How would you describe the character's conversational tone? For instance, does he or she sound friendly, formal, or well-educated?
- What would you say about the character's voice? Is it loud or soft? Does it squeak? Is it high or low?
- Does the character make any other sounds? Does he or she breathe heavily, snuffle, or giggle?
- Does the character have any habits that make a sound? Do you hear the character pop his or her knuckles, tap a foot, or pop bubble gum?
- How does the character move around? For example, does the character walk, run, skip, or march?
- What things does the character do during the story? What actions does he or she take?

How does the character behave with others?

- How would you describe the character's behavior? Mean? Angry? Happy? Shy?
- Does the character get along well with others? Does the character have friends? Is the character close to any family members?
- How does the character treat others? For instance, would you describe the character understanding, thoughtful, or quick to get angry?