

English 8
Characterization

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Characterization is a literary device that is used in literature to highlight and explain the **details about a character** in a story. An author can use two approaches to deliver information about a character and build an image of it. These **two types of characterization** include:

1. Direct Characterization

This kind of characterization takes a direct approach towards building the character. It uses another character, narrator, or the protagonist himself to **tell** the readers or audience about the character.

1. Indirect Characterization

This is a more subtle way of introducing the character to the audience. The audience has to deduce for themselves the characteristics of the character by paying close attention.. The author uses the character's thought process, behavior, speech, way of talking, appearance, and manner of communication to **show** the reader about the character.

Instructions:

As you read, pay attention to the characterization of one of the characters in the text. Write down any observations that you make as well as the type of characterization that was used by the text. Finally, write the quote and page number in the last column.

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Observation	Type of Characterization	Evidence (Quote/pg #)
Example 1: <i>Winnie has no siblings</i>	Direct	"If I had a sister or a brother, there'd be someone else for them to watch." (pg 14)
Example 2: <i>Winnie is independent</i>	Indirect	"I want to be by myself for a change." (pg 14)

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