

Character analysis

Reading Comprehension Worksheet

Practice

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Character analysis is thinking about what a character does to understand what kind of person they are.

Character traits are words that describe the kind of person someone is.

Here are a few examples of character traits :

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| active      | calm       | determined | grouchy | rude          |
| adventurous | caring     | energetic  | helpful | shy           |
| bossy       | curious    | fair       | honest  | stubborn      |
| brave       | dependable | funny      | mean    | understanding |

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Here is a description of a book that you might like to read. Think about what each character does, and what this tells you about what kind of person they are.

Introduction to Hotel for Dogs

Hotel for Dogs is a funny book written by Lois Duncan. It doesn't start out funny, though. Bruce and Andi's family has just moved to a new town. Bruce is in sixth grade, and Andi is in fourth. They are staying at their aunt's house until their parents find a new house. Bruce and Andi aren't very happy about this because their dog Bebe can't stay at Aunt Alice's house with them. Aunt Alice is allergic to dogs.

On the first day at Aunt Alice's house, their aunt introduces Bruce and Andi to Jerry, who lives next door. Jerry is Bruce's age, and he has a dog named Red Rover. Later that day, Bruce and Andi see Jerry and Red Rover again, in Jerry's front yard. Jerry is pushing Red Rover to try to make him pull a wagon. Bruce runs over to Jerry and tells him that Red Rover will not like him if he keeps treating him that way, but Jerry tells Bruce to mind his own business. Jerry shoves Andi out of the way and starts to leave. He calls Red Rover to come with him. But Red Rover just moves over closer to Bruce.

Bruce and Andi miss Bebe. When Andi walks home from school each day, she pretends that Bebe is walking along behind her. One rainy morning, Andi sees a cute little white dog sitting on Aunt Alice's porch to keep dry. She picks up the little dog and pets it. She wishes she could keep it. When she comes home from school that day and goes to her closet, there on the floor is the little white dog. And three tiny puppies! Andi doesn't know what to do. She knows the dog can't stay in Aunt Alice's house. She is afraid if she tells Bruce he will tell their parents, and then the dog and her puppies will have to go.