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Module 63

English

Inferring Character Traits from a Selection Read





To the Learner

Hi! Here's another module for you. Today we are going to learn about inferring character traits from a selection read.

Enjoy!



Let's Learn This

This module will give you lots of ideas that will help you infer character traits from a selection read.

Inferences are guesses based on clues. They are statements or conclusions formed based on the clues or hints stated in the text. Inferences are not directly stated in the text.



Let's Try This

Read the selections carefully.

Once there lived two sisters, Rosa and Rosal. They were sisters yet they behaved differently.

One day an old woman appeared to them.

"Please give me some water to drink", said the woman.

"Get out of here, you poor old woman!" shouted Rosa.

The old woman turned to go but Rosal called her.

"Wait, come here Ma'am", said Rosal. Suddenly the old woman became a beautiful lady, looking as radiant as the sun. She turned to the girls.

"I'm that old woman who came here", she said. "Rosal, I'm going to reward you for your kindness. You will become a beautiful white flower with a golden heart at the middle".

"And you", pointing to Rosa, "You will be turned into a flower with thorns".

Since then they became the first rose and rosal.

Choose the letter of the correct answer to the questions that follow based on the selection.

1. Which of the following statements describe Rosa?
 - a. Rosa is helpful.
 - b. Rosa is selfish.
 - c. Rosa is lazy.
 - d. Rosa is humble.

2. Which of the following statements describe Rosal?
 - a. Rosal is boastful.
 - b. Rosal is kind.
 - c. Rosal is intelligent.
 - d. Rosal is strict.

Are your answers the same as these?

1. b 2. b

Congratulations if you have 2 correct answers. Do not worry if you didn't get two perfect scores, continue studying this module and you will learn to infer character traits from a selection you read.



Let's Study This

Read and understand the selection below. Answer the questions that follow.

Robbie saw a pile of dried leaves in the yard. He took some matches and lighted the leaves. Then he left the fire burning. The fire almost burned the house.

1. Who saw a pile of dried leaves?
 - Robbie saw a pile of dried leaves.
2. What did he do when he saw the dried leaves?
 - He took some matches and lighted the leaves.
3. What might have happened when he left the fire burning?
 - It might have burned the house.

Now, if you are to describe Robbie, which of the following statements will you choose?

- A. Robbie is smart.
- B. Robbie is careless.
- C. Robbie is industrious.
- D. Robbie is smart, industrious but careless.

Is your answer letter A?

- You are correct!

Robbie is smart because he certainly knew what to do to a pile of dried leaves in the yard.

Is your answer letter B?

- You are correct!

Robbie is industrious because he did not wait for his mother or father to tell him to do the burning. He did it by himself.

Is your answer letter C?

- You are correct!

Robbie is careless because he left the fire burning that almost burned the house.

Is your answer letter D?

- You are correct!

Robbie has three character traits based on the reasons given in answering a, b, and c.

Remember:

Smart, industrious and careless are traits that are not seen on the selection.

You just inferred about these traits. You have guessed them with the help of the clues in the selection.

You must have a reason to justify why you inferred those character traits in the selection.



Let's Do This

Read and understand the selection below.

King Solomon asked a soldier to get a sword.

"Cut the child into half", he said. "Give half of the baby to the first woman and the other half to the other woman".

"Good!", said the other woman. "That's fair and just decision".

"Wait", cried the first woman. "Please let this woman keep the baby. I don't want the baby hurt".

"Soldier", said King Solomon. "Give the baby to the first woman. She is the real mother."

Match the name of the character in column A with hi/her trait in column B. Write the letter of your answer on the blank before the number.

Column A

_____ 1. King Solomon

_____ 2. First woman

_____ 3. Other woman

Column B

a. selfish

b. fair

c. cruel

d. caring

Are you finished?

Check your answer using the answer key.

What is your score? _____

Good Job!





Let's Do More

Read and understand the selection below.

On the way to school, Melinda saw her teacher, Miss Cruz carrying books, bag and folders.

“Good Morning, Miss Cruz! May I help you carry some of your things?” said Melinda.

“Oh, yes please. Thank you Melinda,” Miss Cruz replied.

1. Write two character traits of Melinda?

a. _____ b. _____

2. Write one character trait of Miss Cruz.

a. _____

Are you finished?

Check your answer using the answer key.

What is your score? _____

Congratulations!





Let's Remember This

How can character traits be inferred?

Character traits can be inferred through the utterances of characters.

Clues can help you understand the traits.



Let's Test Ourselves

Direction: Read the paragraph and answer the questions that follow.

A wealthy man had a son who was a foolish young man. He asked his father for all his inheritance money. Then, he left the family which made his father very sad.

The son spent his money. Then his friends disappeared when he had no more money at all. He could not even buy food.

Because of hunger, the young man went home to ask forgiveness. When he arrived home, his father met him joyfully and forgave him.

1. What word describe the father?

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| a. loving | c. foolish |
| b. sad | d. selfish |

2. Which word describe the son?

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| a. wealthy | c. sad |
| b. pretentious | d. foolish |

Finished?



Answer Key

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- 1. c 3. a
- 2. c

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- 1. a. sensitive b. helpful
Other choices: thoughtful
caring
- 2. a. grateful

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- 1. a
- 2. d