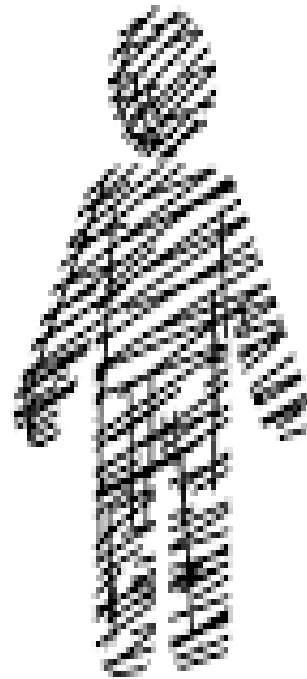


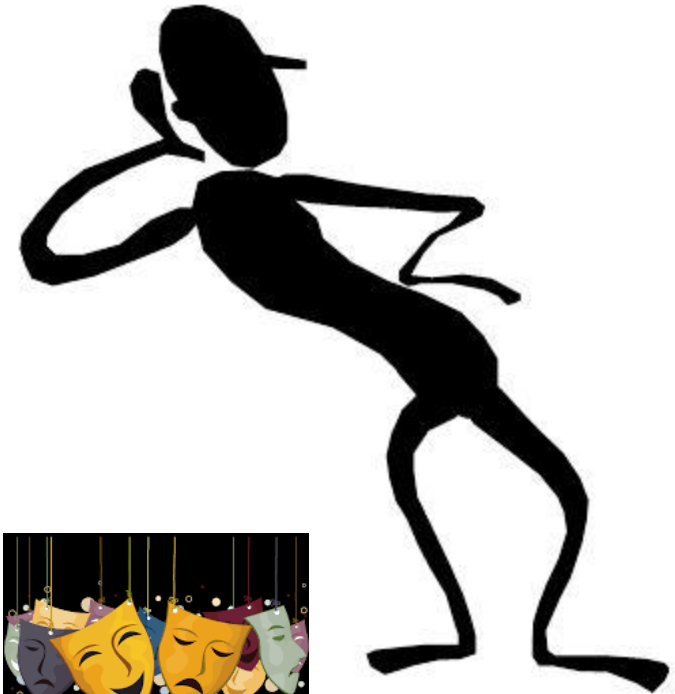
# Characterization



*Bringing Characters to Life*

# What is characterization??

- Characterization is the process by which the writer reveals the personality of the character. It is revealed through ***direct*** and ***indirect*** characterization.





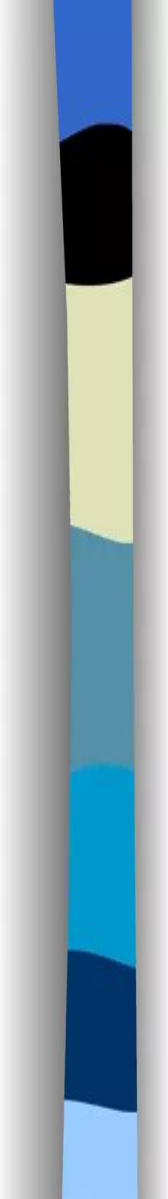
## Direct Characterization

*tells* the audience what the personality of the character is.

***Example:***

"The patient boy and quiet girl were both well mannered and did not disobey their mother."

***Explanation:*** The author is directly telling the audience the personality of these two children. The boy is "patient" and the girl is "quiet."



**Indirect Characterization** *shows* things that reveal the personality of a character.

There are

five different methods of indirect characterization.



# Character

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When you create a character, you are creating a person for the first time. In your mind, you must envision your character as a friend. You know their every thought, the way they behave, how they respond to danger and the way they dress.

**Use the STEAL acronym to begin brainstorming your character:**

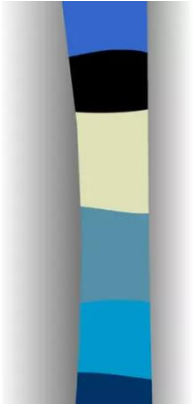
**Speech: How does your character speak?**

**Thinks: What does your character think about? Ambitions?**

**Effects on others: What effect does the character have on others?**

**Actions/Behaviours: How does your character speak? Strengths? Skills? Weaknesses?**

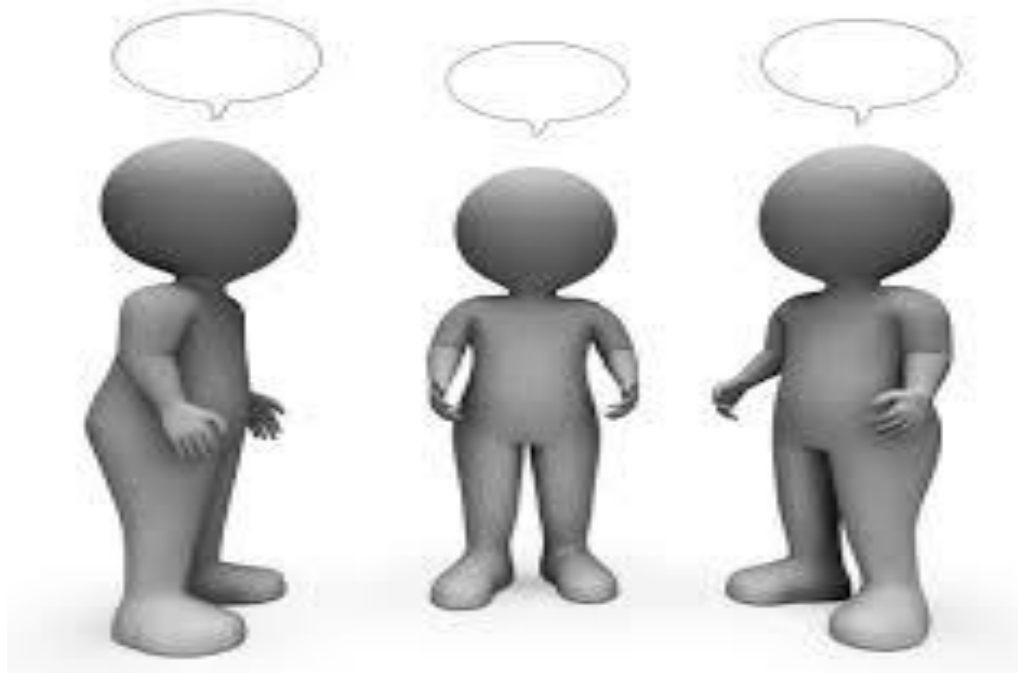
**Looks/Appearance: What does your character look like?**

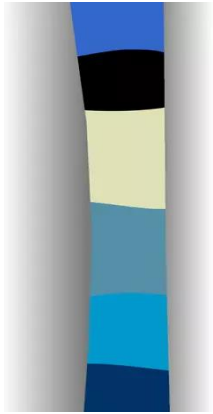


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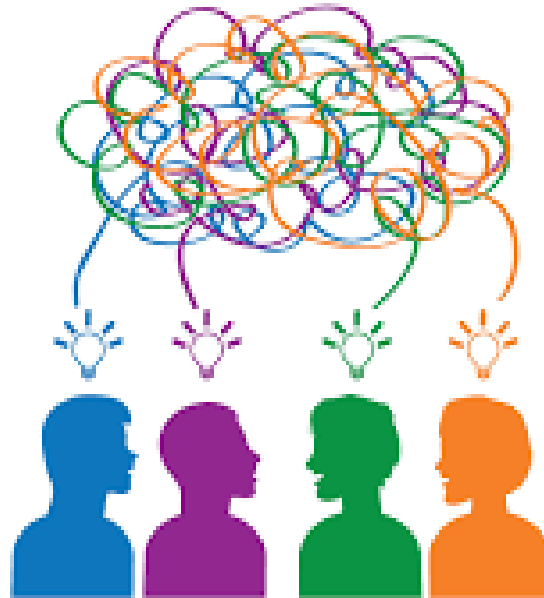
What does the character say? How does the character speak?


What important things does the character say that make you understand what they are like?





**Thoughts** What is revealed through the character's private thoughts and feelings?





**Effect** on others toward the character. What is revealed through the character's effect on other people? How do other characters feel or behave in reaction to the character?

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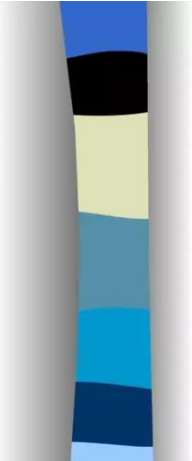
The writer reveals what other characters in the story say or think about the character.

Examples:

- "The new girl in school seems very nice," said Jessica happily.
- "Nathan is awesome at soccer," remarked the fan, "he made two goals during the game."

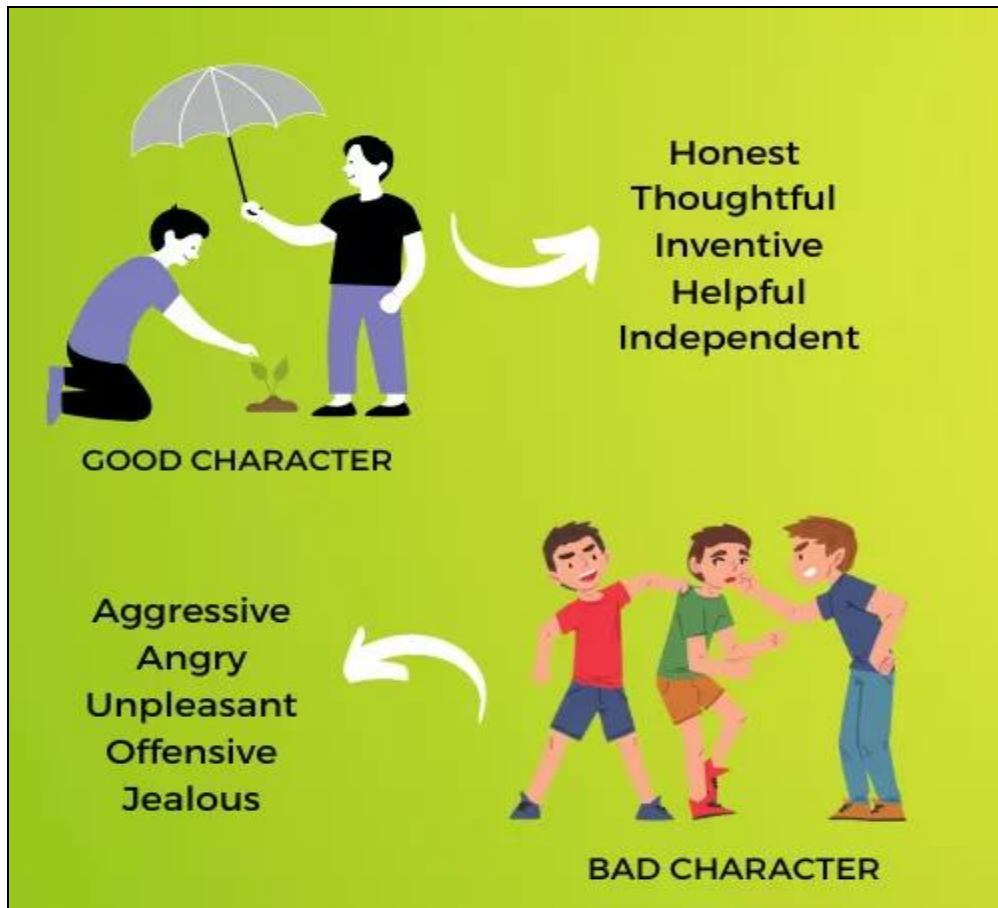




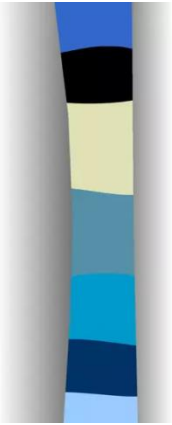


# Actions

What does the character do? How does the character behave?



Behavior is the mirror in which everyone shows their true image.



**Looks** What does the character look like? How does the character dress?

