

character

noun



Say it: char • ac • ter

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Write it: _____

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meanings

1. a person in a story, movie, or play

2. the features that make a person or thing unique

Examples

1. My favorite _____ has many interesting characters.

2. My aunt's _____ is painted bright _____, which gives it a lot of character.



Forms

- *Singular:* character
- *Plural:* characters

Family

- *Noun:* characteristic
- *Verb:* characterize

Word Partners

- _____ trait Good leaders share **character traits** such as fairness and respect for others.
- fictional _____ The **fictional characters** in a story are what make it interesting.
- main _____ Wilbur and Charlotte are the **main characters** in the novel *Charlotte's Web*.

Verbal Practice

Talk about It Read each sentence and think about how you would complete it.

Discuss your idea with your partner using the sentence frame.

Listen carefully to your partner's and classmates' ideas.

Write your favorite idea in the blank.

- 1 The main **character** in the last movie I saw was _____.
- 2 When I was younger, my favorite cartoon **character** was _____.
- 3 A firefighter needs to have the **character** trait of _____.
- 4 I usually cover the outside of my notebooks with _____, which gives them a lot of **character**.

Writing Practice

Collaborate Work with your partner to complete the sentences using the correct form of character and appropriate content.

- ① The most interesting _____ that I have read about or seen in a movie recently is _____ from _____.
- ② My bedroom has a lot of _____ because it has _____.

Your Turn Work independently to complete the sentences using the correct form of character and appropriate content.

- ① The fictional _____ that I relate to the most is _____.
- ② My _____ has an admirable _____ because _____.

Be an Academic Author Work independently to write two sentences. In your first sentence, use character in the plural form. In your second sentence, use character in the singular form.

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grammar tip

Count nouns name things that can be counted. Count nouns have two forms, singular and plural. To make most count nouns plural, add -s.

I like the characters on this show.

He likes board games.

Write an Academic Paragraph Complete the paragraph using the correct form of character and original content.

Playing a _____^① in a movie or TV show is an interesting and challenging job for actors. First, they have to _____^② what the character is like. What kinds of _____^③ traits does their character have? Is the character always laughing and _____^④, or is the character a _____^⑤, someone who lies and steals? When actors play a part, they have to forget their own _____^⑥ and become someone who is completely different. Playing a _____^⑦ allows actors to explore various personality types and pretend to be someone they're not.