



Story elements: Characters

Grade 2 Comprehension Worksheet

Character traits are words that tell us what a character is like on the inside and the outside. They help us understand who they are.

Read the story and think about the character's traits:

Eli was always a great person to have around, and he was always thinking of good ideas. At recess, the ball got stuck in a tree. Everyone tried to jump and reach it, but no one could. Eli stepped up, got on his tiptoes and stretched his long arms.

“Got it!” he said, tossing the ball down.

His friends cheered, “Eli saves the day!”

Back in class, the teacher asked a tricky math question. The room was quiet until Eli raised his hand.

“What if we add first and then subtract?” he said.

The teacher smiled. “Great thinking, Eli!”

Later, at lunch, Eli had his friends laughing the whole time. He walked like a penguin when he went to throw something away. It made his friends all giggle!





Then choose three traits from the box to describe the character.
Explain why you chose each one!

Character traits:			
smart	clumsy	helpful	slow
funny	bossy	strong	shy
tall	messy	patient	clever

Character: Eli

Trait:	Why did you choose this trait?
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Answers

Accept any of the following ideas:

Trait: <u>smart</u>	Why did you choose this trait? <u>The story said that Eli could answer a tricky math problem.</u>
Trait: <u>tall</u>	Why did you choose this trait? <u>The story said that Eli could reach the ball in the tree.</u>
Trait: <u>funny</u>	Why did you choose this trait? <u>The story said that Eli made his friends laugh at lunch.</u>
Trait: <u>clever</u>	Why did you choose this trait? <u>The story said that Eli is always thinking of good ideas.</u>