

Friday 8th January

LO: To develop a characterisation toolkit

Today we will identify the key features that writers use for characterisation.

Our tool box is below.

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Read through the model text and underline each feature in a different colour. The first feature (contrasting characters) has been done.

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