

Can you remember what is
included in our
Characterisation toolbox?



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Relevant dialogue with accurate punctuation (limited use of adverbials)
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Actions of the character
Inner thoughts of the character
Appearance of the character
Background information about the character

Carefully chosen verbs to show the characters' personalities:

Charles stood with his hands in his pockets, longingly staring out the window. In his woollen jumper and smart trousers, he wished he could go out and play, but his mother wouldn't let him.

"Charles," his mother barked, "get your coat, and be quick about it!" So Charles walked towards the coat hanger and pulled down his coat.

"Victoria," called his mother "come here please, its time for your walk!" Victoria cantered into the room and his mother put on her lead.

His stern mother's shadow engulfed Charles in a gloomy darkness. As they walked it looked like his Mother was getting taller and taller. As they walked, Charles still had his hands in his pockets. The whole duration of the walk was silent. Charles was bored...

Silently, Charles stood lonely with his hands relaxing in his pockets staring out the window. Smartly dressed with a blue wollen jumper with his shirt tightly buttoned all the way to the top underneath. "GET YOUR COAT NOW" bellowed his Mother. "We are going for a walk!"

The glommy and dark path was empty with no one to be seen. Charlies thoughts fading away like the leafless trees. His mother overpowering with her shadow.

Example- Using the setting to reflect his emotions.

Could you use some personification?

He said so solemn, so quiet, so sure he cleared all the thoughts
from his mind ~~the~~ he saved one at dance world.

"Charles!" his mother snapped "Come now wise boy"

"Yes mother," Charles mumbled

"and come Victoria my dearest beloved"

She pulled her lace-maker on her head and draped a silk
scarf round her neck everything was quiet.

They walked through the porch in silence all the fun seemed to
be completely drained from his mother the woman held a strong
grudge against Charles, they ~~seemed~~ to walk on ice as in neither
one was there.

"Charles move boy you are as fast as a dancing on ice
as a snail!"

the sky was dark and the grass was ~~down~~ droopy and
nothing even moved or made a noise a space this is not no diff
to a normal day for them.

One gloomy day, a boy named Charles was staring out of the window thinking to himself how life was so boring and how he wished that something would change. He also wondered if this would be the day his life changed. Just as he wished he would meet a friend his mother called "Charles, coat now, get it. It is time for your walk and Victoria please finish your kibbles and come along deary". So Charles solemnly got his coat and dragged his feet to the front door. "Hurry Charles we want to be quick, I think it will rain and we don't want to get Victoria's fur wet do we?" Like Charles' mothers earrings, her coat was golden coloured.

Punctuation (commas)

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