TRAIT DETECTIVES!

How characters feel, act, and change the story





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TODAY WE WILL...

WE ARE LEARNING TO

- Describe traits, feelings, and motivations (why they act)
- Show how a character's actions change story events

SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

- ✓ I can name a trait and show words as proof
- ✓ I can tell how an action changed what happened



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DID YOU KNOW?

CHARACTERS GUIDE YOU THROUGH THE WHOLE STORY.

Their traits help you understand events and big ideas.



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DID YOU KNOW?

WRITERS SHOW TRAITS IN THOUGHTS, WORDS, AND ACTIONS.

Watch what a character says and does to figure them out.



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VOTE: BEST HELPER TRAIT?

WHICH TRAIT HELPS A TEAM MOST IN A TOUGH SPOT?

- A Brave
- B Kind
- C Curious
- D Patient

Vote with your hands, then explain why.



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WATCH: WHAT IS A TRAIT?



▶ 0:00 – 3:16

- Listen for: trait means how someone often acts
- Clap when you hear a trait word



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BIG IDEA

TRAITS PUSH ACTIONS, AND ACTIONS MOVE THE STORY!



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WATCH: ACTIONS CHANGE EVENTS



▶ 0:00 – 4:50

- How does a feeling lead to an action?
- How does the action change what happens?



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YOUR TASK

READ OUR TINY STORY AND BE TRAIT DETECTIVES IN PAIRS.

1. Story: A young camper saw dark clouds. Feeling worried, she stayed calm, shared snacks, and led friends to shelter before rain.
2. Name one trait and point to proof.
3. Tell how her action changed the ending.

10 min

In pairs



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Feelings in Action

Look at faces and hands. What feeling do you see, and what might happen next?

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EXIT TICKET

1

ONE TRAIT I SPOTTED TODAY WAS ___ BECAUSE ___

2

ONE ACTION CHANGED EVENTS WHEN ___

3

ONE QUESTION I STILL HAVE IS ___



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