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## Characterization Worksheet 4

**Directions:** Read a short description of an event. Identify a character trait that is revealed by each action. Explain your answer.

1. When Kaitlin got to Patrick's apartment, she noticed a foul smell. She looked around and saw several half-filled cans of soda and some uncooked chicken breasts that had gone bad in a pan in the kitchen. She also noticed that all the lights and televisions were on and that Patrick wasn't home.

What character trait does Patrick demonstrate? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain your answer by referencing the text.

2. Ms. Roberts noticed that Tierney had not been herself recently. She participated less in class, dressed in darker colors, and didn't want to associate with the friends that she had at the beginning of the school year. Noticing these changes, Ms. Roberts scheduled a conference after school with Tierney so that they could talk in private.

What character trait does Ms. Roberts demonstrate? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain your answer by referencing the text.

3. Lyle's cousin Ted works at a packing plant. After Lyle asked Ted to get him a job there several times, Ted went out of his way and got Lyle hired. The night before Lyle's first day, Lyle stayed up late hanging out with friends. Then he slept in and arrived at the packing plant an hour late. During his training, Lyle was yawning and almost fell asleep on the line. Ted shook his head in disgust.

What character trait does Lyle demonstrate? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain your answer by referencing the text.

4. The home team was down three points and it was the last play of the football season. The coach decided to go for the win. The ball went to star running back Brant Barker. Brant easily maneuvered around the defenders, juked, threw a stiff arm, and made it to other side of the field. Right before crossing into the end zone, Brant did a little shuffle. He was so into nailing the footwork on his shuffle that he did not notice that the opposition had caught up to him. They hit him so hard that he fumbled the ball and the home team lost.

What character trait does Brant demonstrate? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain your answer by referencing the text.

5. Amy does not like hanging out with Kathy. She thinks that he is annoying. One day Kathy called a radio station and won backstage passes to see pop music super group, The Mountain Boys. When Kathy asked Amy if she wanted to go to the concert with her, she agreed saying that it would be a great time. Amy was very nice to Kathy until the concert. After the concert she treated her the same way that she always had.

What character trait does Amy demonstrate? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain your answer by referencing the text.

6. Today was Kiki's first day at high school. She was overwhelmed by the size of the building. As she passed by the fire alarm, one of the seniors struck up a conversation with her. "Did you know that we have a fire drill today?" Kiki said that she did not know that. The senior then convinced her that the principal was running late and that he would give her a reward if she pulled the fire alarm for him. Wanting to make a good impression on the older students and the principal, Kiki pulled the fire alarm. She was suspended for a week.

What character trait does Kiki demonstrate? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain your answer by referencing the text.

7. It was gym class and the boys decided to play a fun pickup game of basketball, nothing too serious. They weren't even going to keep score, until Clive insisted on it. The game was pretty close, but soon Clive's team dropped behind a few points. Clive pretty much lost it. He started throwing elbows and fouling people. He pushed one player who was attempting a layup to the ground. Then Clive claimed that the player was doing it for attention. After losing the game, Clive punched his hand against the wall and cursed.

What character trait does Clive demonstrate? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain your answer by referencing the text.

8. Kevin has tried out for the basketball team for the last three years. Each year he has been cut from the team because other athletes have outperformed him. Kevin has been practicing all summer, however, and he knows that this is his year. It has to be. He can feel it.

What character trait does Kevin demonstrate? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain your answer by referencing the text.

9. Javier was shopping at the grocery store for some olives. He needed a lot of olives, so he grabbed the large jar off the shelf. Then he noticed the price. The large jar contained 20 oz. of olives and it cost \$3.99. He looked at the small jar of olives. It contained 10 oz. of olives and cost \$1.49. Javier put the large jar back and purchased two small jars of olives.

What character trait does Javier demonstrate? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain your answer by referencing the text.

10. Ricky was on his way to school when he stepped in a pothole and twisted his ankle. He tried to use his phone to call for help, but he dropped it in a puddle. He tried to flag down a car as it passed but they thought that he was making a crude gesture and they made one back at Ricky. Then it started raining. Finally, Ricky hobbled into the school, but not before opening up the door and hitting himself in the forehead.

What character trait does Ricky demonstrate? \_\_\_\_\_

Explain your answer by referencing the text.