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Characterization Worksheet 1

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

1. Jake is Cassie's older brother. One day they are walking home from school when a cold front rolls in and the temperature drops 5 degrees. Jake is dressed more appropriately for the weather than Cassie. He takes off his jacket and offers it to her. She gratefully accepts. Jake is now colder, but he is happier.

What character trait does Jake demonstrate?

Explain your answer by referencing the text.

2. Bongani is a soccer player training for next season. The coach demands that all players come in at 6:00 AM and lift weights until 8:00 AM, when practice begins. Bongani gets there at 5:00 AM to begin his training.

What character trait does Bongani demonstrate?

Explain your answer by referencing the text.

3. Thembi volunteered to help Linda clean her house. When Thembi washed the mirrors, Linda asked her if she used paper towels instead of newspaper. When Thembi said she had used newspaper, Linda asked her to redo them. Then, while Thembi was sweeping, Linda corrected her on her technique. "Don't just push the dirt around, Thembi. SWEEP it," Linda told Thembi.

What character trait does Linda demonstrate?

Explain your answer by referencing the text.

4. Jane came back from the bathroom and noticed that her rainbow pencil was missing. She looked around the room and saw that Beth was using a rainbow pencil. Jane started crying uncontrollably and ran out of the room.

What character trait does Jane demonstrate?

Explain your answer by referencing the text.

5. Lebo found a wallet on the ground. He opened up the wallet and saw an old woman's ID card. Lebo took the ID out of the wallet, walked to the woman's house, and returned the wallet to her.

What character trait does Lebo demonstrate?

Explain your answer by referencing the text.

6. Jonathan invited a bunch of friends over to his house. He then talked to them for hours about all the trophies that he had won, his rare comic book collection, and how much money his dad makes. His friends did not enjoy their time at Jonathan's.

What character trait does Jonathan demonstrate?

Explain your answer by referencing the text.

7. Sipho's cousin brought him to a party. Sipho didn't know anyone at the party. Shortly after getting there, Sipho's cousin disappeared. Sipho made a lot of new friends at this party and had a great time.

What character trait does Sipho demonstrate?

Explain your answer by referencing the text.

8. The teacher asked Khadija what the answer was to the problem on the board. Khadija wore a worried expression on her face for a moment and then put her head down on her desk. After the teacher moved on to someone else, Khadija whispered to her friend that the answer was 26. Khadija was right.

What character trait does Khadija demonstrate?

Explain your answer by referencing the text.

9. After Mark's mechanical pencil ran out of lead, he asked Liam, who sat next to him, if he could a pencil. Liam yelled, "No, Mark. If you didn't come prepared, why is that my fault? Bring TWO pencils to class! You can't have one of mine or you'll never learn your lesson." What character trait does Liam demonstrate?

Explain your answer by referencing the text.

10. Scott doesn't talk much, but five girls in our homeroom class are currently competing for his attention. This is nothing new. Girls have liked Scott for as long as I can remember. What character trait does Scott demonstrate?

Explain your answer by referencing the text.
