

Making up a character

When you write a story, it's your job to create interesting, believable characters who will capture the reader's imagination.

You don't have to tell the reader everything about your characters, but the more *you* know about them the more convincing they'll be.

To start building up a character, fill in this diagram with words describing him or her.



Who or what is he, she or it?

Appearance:

Personality:

Name:

Strengths and weaknesses:

Likes and dislikes:

Goals and ambitions:

A day in the life

Once you've decided what your character is like, it's what he or she says and does in different situations that helps to drive a story. Imagine it's the strangest, most wonderful day of your character's life and write a short story about it.

(Write your story title here.)

Acting it out

The best way to bring your character to life is to describe how he or she acts. For example, you don't need to say a character is generous if you show him doing or saying something generous.

You can find more help with building characters on page 86.