

## **Story elements: Characters**

Grade 2 Comprehension Worksheet

**Character traits** are words that tell us what a character is like on the inside and the outside. They help us understand who they are.

## Read the story and think about the character's traits:

Liz loves to try new things. One afternoon at the park, her little brother's kite got stuck in a tree. "I'll get it!" Liz said, running to the tree. She put her brown hair in a ponytail. Then she climbed up, grabbed the kite and jumped back down. "Here you go!" she said, giving it to her brother.

Later, Liz saw her friends playing tag. "Catch me if you can!" she yelled. She ran around the trees and the playground so quickly that no one could tag her.

"Liz is way too fast!" her friend said, smiling.

On the way home, Liz and her friends saw a big dog barking behind a fence. One of her friends looked scared. Liz smiled and said, "Don't worry, he just wants to say hi!" She waved to the dog and the dog wagged its tail. Her friends all laughed.



## Then choose three traits from the box to describe the character. Explain why you chose each one!

Character traits:			
brave	loud	musical	brown-haired
bossy	helpful	short	slow
fast	wears glasses	quiet	funny

Character: <u>Liz</u>

Trait:	Why did you choose this trait?
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## **Answers**

Accept any of the following ideas:

Trait:	Why did you choose this trait?	
<u>brave</u>	The story said that Liz climbed the tree to get the kite and that Liz waved to the barking dog.	
Trait:	Why did you choose this trait?	
<u>fast</u>	The story said that Liz ran faster than everyone in the tag game.	
Trait:	Why did you choose this trait?	
brown-haired	The story said that Liz put her brown hair in a ponytail.	
Trait:	Why did you choose this trait?	
<u>helpful</u>	The story said that Liz helped her brother get his kite.	