

## 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:

Toby the Turtle liked to be in quiet places. One day, his friends asked him to play a game in the meadow. Toby poked his small head out of his tiny shell and said, "Maybe later." There were too many animals, and it was too noisy. Toby stayed under a shady tree and watched instead.

Later, Toby went for a walk. He moved very slowly, one step at a time.



A bunny zoomed past him and said, "Hurry up, Toby!"

The bunny was much bigger than Toby, but Toby just smiled and said, "I like going slow."

When Toby got to the pond, he heard a splash! A frog had fallen in and looked scared.

Toby wasn't sure what to do at first, but then he said, "I'll help!" Even though Toby was little, he stretched his neck out as far as he could and helped pull the frog out.

The frog smiled and said, "Thanks, Toby!"

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

Character traits:			
athletic	helpful	slow	funny
bossy	shy	tall	messy
small	brave	nice	afraid

Character: Toby

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

Accept any of the following ideas:

<b>Trait:</b>  <u>slow</u>	<b>Why did you choose this trait?</b>  <u>The story said that Toby walked very slowly across the field.</u>
<b>Trait:</b>  <u>nice</u>	<b>Why did you choose this trait?</b>  <u>The story said that Toby helped the frog out of the water.</u>
<b>Trait:</b>  <u>small</u>	<b>Why did you choose this trait?</b>  <u>The story said that Toby had a small shell and was smaller than the bunny.</u>
<b>Trait:</b>  <u>shy</u>	<b>Why did you choose this trait?</b>  <u>The story said that Toby watched animals play a game instead of joining in.</u>