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## Characterization Worksheet 2

**Directions:** Read the short passages. Answer the question by identifying an implied character trait. Explain your answer by referencing the text.

1. Jason is an excellent accountant who works full-time for his best friend's company. A larger accounting firm contacts Jason and offers to pay him twice what he makes if he will work for them. Jason thanks them for their offer but declines. He doesn't even tell his friend that he received the offer.

What character trait does Jason demonstrate?

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Explain your answer by referencing the text.

### Suggested Answer

Loyal, considerate

### Answer Explanation

Jason demonstrates that he is a very loyal person by continuing to work for his friend even though he is earning less money than he could earn elsewhere. He also shows that he is considerate by not telling his friend this information that would hurt him.

2. Eric's car broke down in the woods and his phone wasn't getting a signal. He used his car antenna as a spear and caught fresh salmon. He started a fire with sparks from his car battery, and he ate the cooked salmon while waiting for help.

What character trait does Eric demonstrate?

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Explain your answer by referencing the text.

### Suggested Answer

Resourceful, inventive, hardy

### Answer Explanation

Eric repurposes the few items that he has at his disposal to create survival tools. Eric demonstrates that he is resourceful and inventive. He could probably survive out there for quite a long time, which makes him hardy.

3. After coming home late from a party, Mae's father questioned her. She wanted to tell him that she was studying at a friend's place and lost track of time, but she told him the truth instead: she was at a party.

What character trait does Mae demonstrate?

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Explain your answer by referencing the text.

**Suggested Answer**

Honesty, integrity, courage

**Answer Explanation**

Mae tells her father the truth instead of lying. This shows that she has integrity. She also told the truth when it was a hard thing to do, which shows that she has courage.

4. Michael has clothes all over the floor of his bedroom. Underneath the clothes on his floor is a pizza box with crusts in it. Underneath the pizza box is bunch of pieces of a board game that Michael played and didn't put away. Michael sat on his unmade bed with his shoes on and played video games all night.

What character trait does Michael demonstrate?

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Explain your answer by referencing the text.

**Suggested Answer**

Messy, sloppy, lazy

**Answer Explanation**

Michael has a gross mess in his room and rather than cleaning it he plays video games. This shows that he is messy, sloppy, and lazy.

5. Andy saw his neighbor struggling to get his lawn mower running, so Andy went over to his neighbor's house and filled up his lawn mower with gas. When it still wouldn't start, Andy lent him his lawn mower.

What character trait does Andy demonstrate?

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Explain your answer by referencing the text.

**Suggested Answer**

Helpful, neighborly, kind

**Answer Explanation**

Andy demonstrates that he is a good neighbor by helping his neighbor without being asked. Andy saw him struggling with something, and he volunteered his help immediately. That was kind, helpful, and neighborly.

6. When vandals burned down the orphanage, Ms. Cleary started a fundraising campaign and donated \$5,000 dollars of her own money. After nine months of hard work from Ms. Cleary and her team, the funds were raised and the orphanage was rebuilt.

What character trait does Ms. Cleary demonstrate?

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Explain your answer by referencing the text.

**Suggested Answer**

Charitable, good, selfless, generous

**Answer Explanation**

Ms. Cleary spends a lot of time, resources, and energy helping out others. This makes her selfless, charitable, and good.

7. The teacher told the students that they were not to start testing until everyone received all testing materials. He went on to explain that the test booklet was to remain sealed until he had read through all the directions. Immediately after receiving the test booklet, Chris raised his hand and asked if he could start the test.

What character trait does Chris demonstrate?

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Explain your answer by referencing the text.

**Suggested Answer**

Inattentive

**Answer Explanation**

Chris was given very clear directions. He raised his hand and asked a question that had already been explained. This shows that he was not paying attention and may be an inattentive person.

8. Katie's mother came home from a long day of work and noticed that the entire house had been cleaned. She figured that Katie must have cleaned it. The strangest thing was that she didn't even ask Katie to clean. Then she found a note on the counter from Katie asking for permission to sleep at her friend Heather's house. Katie's mother smiled.

What character trait does Katie demonstrate?

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Explain your answer by referencing the text.

**Suggested Answer**

Clever, helpful, strategic

**Answer Explanation**

It was very helpful of Katie to clean the house, but this turns out to be a clever ploy, which shows that Katie is very strategic and probably gets what she wants quite often.

9. Orson sat on the couch. He wanted to change the television station, but the controller was all the way at the end of the couch by his feet. Orson sort of scooted toward it and attempted to grab it with his feet. The controller fell and landed several feet away from him. Orson quit trying to change the channel and just watched whatever was playing.

What character trait does Orson demonstrate?

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Explain your answer by referencing the text.

**Suggested Answer**

Lazy, easily discouraged, quitter

**Answer Explanation**

Orson is obviously very lazy or he would have just sat up and reached for the controller. He is also easily discouraged and a quitter, or else he would have kept trying to get the controller even after his first plan failed.

10. It was Halloween and Valarie was dressed as Princess Rosemary from her favorite TV show, *The Princess Club*. As Valarie was collecting candy, she noticed another little girl wearing a Princess Rosemary costume. Valarie began rolling around on the ground and screaming about how she wants to be the only Princess Rosemary. Valarie's tantrum continued long after the other Princess Rosemary vanished from sight.

What character trait does Valarie demonstrate?

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Explain your answer by referencing the text.

**Suggested Answer**

Spoiled, unreasonable, immature

**Answer Explanation**

Many readers might suspect that such an outburst indicates that Valarie is spoiled. The fact that she thinks that she should be the only person dressed up as a popular character on Halloween indicates that she is unreasonable and has an immature understanding of reality.