Characterization Notes

Characterization is the process by which the writer reveals the personality of a character. Characterization is revealed through **direct characterization** and **indirect characterization**.

Direct Characterization: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the audience what the personality of the character is.

Example: “The patient boy and the quiet girl were well mannered.”

Explanation: The author is directly telling the audience the personality of the children. The boy is “patient” and the girl is “quiet”.

You Try!: Provide an example of indirect characterization of a classmate or family member. Explain your example below:

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Indirect Characterization: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ things that reveal the personality of a character. This is done through STEAL.

**S**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: What does the character say? How does the character speak?

**T**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: What is revealed through the character’s private thoughts and feelings? **E**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on others: What is revealed through the character’s effect on other people? How do other characters feel or behave in reaction to the character?

**A**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: What does the character do? How does the character behave?

**L**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: What does the character look like? How does the character dress?

On the next page in your ILL provide an example of each letter of STEAL and then using direct characterization, explain what your statement says about your character.

Notas de caracterización  
La caracterización es el proceso por el cual el escritor revela la personalidad de un personaje . La caracterización se revela a través de la caracterización directa e indirecta caracterización.