

# CHARACTERIZATION



# Characterization

The author's job of giving a character personality traits.

# Direct Characterization

Characteristics or personality traits told by the author.

Character traits are adjective words that describe their personality in general.

# Direct Characterization

Examples

# Indirect Characterization

Characteristics or personality traits told through the story.

# S.T.E.A.L.

S.T.E.A.L. is a tool we use to give a personality to a character through indirect characterization.

# Speech

- The words they use (word choice)
- The complexity of their speech
- Accents
- Stuttering

# Thoughts

- Their beliefs
- Their internal monologue
- Their opinions
- Their emotions



# Effect on others

- Positive or negative influence?
- What they cause others to do
- Befriend or antagonize?

# Actions

- Public behavior
- Treatment of others
- Responses to stress

# Looks

- Appearance
- Dress
- Facial expressions
- Body language
- Clothing

Use direct quote or  
action from text.

Identify and explain  
the character trait in  
1 sentence.

Type of Indirect Characterization	Examples	Explanation
<b>S</b> peech		
<b>T</b> houghts		
<b>E</b> ffect on others		
<b>A</b> ctions		
<b>L</b> ooks		

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Using S.T.E.A.L., identify indirect characterization that Sherman Alexie uses in order to understand the narrator in the story.