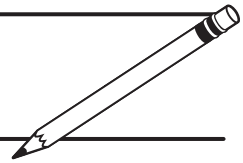




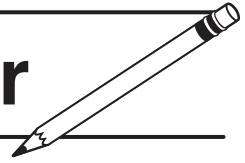
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# Developing a Character



The characters you make up for your stories will seem more real if they seem real to you. It is helpful to imagine a character and then really get to know him or her. One way to do this is to make up a profile for your character. You may use the form below or make up your own questions. After you know your character really well, you will know what he or she looks like and what he or she would do. Think of a character for your next story and answer the questions below about him or her.

Name of Character \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Male or Female \_\_\_\_\_

Hair Color \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Color \_\_\_\_\_ Skin Color \_\_\_\_\_

Where does he or she live? \_\_\_\_\_

What does he or she do each day (job, school, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

List the character's favorite: Color \_\_\_\_\_ Hobby \_\_\_\_\_

Food \_\_\_\_\_ Sport \_\_\_\_\_

Animal \_\_\_\_\_ Music \_\_\_\_\_ Book \_\_\_\_\_

Place to go \_\_\_\_\_ Movie \_\_\_\_\_

Thing to do on a rainy day \_\_\_\_\_

Thing to do on a sunny day \_\_\_\_\_

Best friend \_\_\_\_\_ Worst enemy \_\_\_\_\_

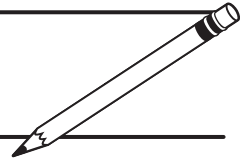
Personality (funny, serious, shy, bold, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to have this character as a friend? \_\_\_\_\_

Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_



# Team Stories



Here are some story starters to help you.

Tomas ran home from school as fast as he could. He wanted to watch his favorite show. When he got inside the house, his brother, Hector, was standing in front of the TV. "I think you better take care of something first," he said. "What?" Tomas asked, trying to get around his brother. "Go look at Rexie," Hector said. Tomas went into the backyard and whistled for his big white dog, Rexie. Rexie came running around the corner, but he wasn't white anymore. He was green!

When Megan woke up, she rubbed her eyes and stumbled into the kitchen to find something to eat. After she ate, she looked around the house. There was no radio on, no TV on, and her brother, Jeffery, was not taking a shower. It was really quiet. "Where is everybody?" she said.

After getting off the Ferris wheel, Kyle and Cori went to get some cotton candy. Their parents were going to meet them by the pony rides, where their little sister, Eliza, wanted to go for a ride. As they were getting their cotton candy, they argued about who should pay. Kyle owed Cori \$2.00, and he hadn't paid her yet. They argued all the way to the pony rides. They stopped because they didn't want to go home yet. They looked around and didn't see their parents or Eliza anywhere. On a bench they found three packages, and they each had Cori's name on them.

Sara put her stuffed animals and dolls carefully on the shelf each night before she went to bed. Then her mom read her a bedtime story. After the story, Sarah said to her mom, "I think my animals and dolls get up and play when I'm asleep." Her mom said, "I don't think they would do that." Sarah decided to look very carefully at her toys before she turned off the light. The next morning she looked at them, and she was sure they had moved.