



Language is the picture and counterpart of thought.

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through the discarded magazines and newspapers. Take special note of the interesting photographs of people in articles and advertisements. Select a variety of characters for whom you could create an imaginary story.

Carefully study your collection of photographs. Select one picture to bring to life through characterization. You are now ready to begin your character analysis.

Character Analysis

Use your awareness and imagination to answer the following questions as you develop a background and personality for your chosen character. Answer the questions as if you yourself were really the character.

1. Who are you? What is your name?
2. What is your ethnic background?
3. How would you describe yourself physically? Include your height, weight, facial features, hair color, and skin tone. Also, be sure to note any outstanding physical trait or condition that makes you unique.
4. How would you describe your stance, posture, walk, and movement?
5. What rhythm or tempo do you associate with yourself? Think of a piece of music that would describe yourself. Would the tempo be a waltz, a cha-cha, a march, country swing, or contemporary jazz?
6. What gestures, mannerisms, or habits do you use unconsciously?
7. How do you dress?
8. How do you sound? Describe your voice quality. Is it high or low, nasal or guttural? Do you speak with a drawl, twang, accent, or dialect? Do you make any unusual sounds, such as wheezing or grunting?
9. Think about your background. Where did you grow up? What type of environment shaped your early life? What kind of relationship do you have with your family?
10. Where do you live now? What is your present family status?
11. Think about your intellect. How would you describe your mental capabilities?
12. What is your position in society? Are you rich, poor, important, or powerful?
13. What is your job or occupation?
14. What are your attitudes, values, and beliefs?
15. What is your emotional state?
16. How do you treat other people? How do others treat you?
17. Do you have a secret that you try to hide?
18. What is your greatest want or need?
19. What is the problem or obstacle standing in the way of fulfilling the want or need?
20. To what extent are you willing to go to eliminate the obstacles?
21. What do you enjoy or do for fun?
22. What are you thinking at this moment?
23. What do other people say about you?
24. What phrase or expression do you use frequently?