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Answer Key: Villain or Hero? Solve the Mystery of Motive in this 2nd Grade Character Quiz

Distinguish between inner traits and outer actions as students decode why characters make tough choices and how their feelings drive the plot forward.

1. A character shares her lunch with a new student every day because she remembers being lonely. What does this reveal about her internal traits?

Answer: B) She is empathetic and kind

Internal traits are revealed by a character's motivations; her empathy is shown by her desire to help others based on her own past feelings.

2. If a character says, 'I will never give up until I find the lost key,' even after searching for hours, how would you evaluate their resolve?

Answer: A) They are persistent

Persistence is the quality of continuing to do something despite difficulties, which matches the character's refusal to quit searching.

3. A character who stays calm and thinks of a plan during a scary storm is showing the trait of _____.

Answer: A) Bravery

Staying calm and taking action during a frightening situation is a key indicator of bravery or courage.

4. A character's actions (what they do) are always exactly the same as their character traits (who they are inside).

Answer: B) False

Characters, like people, can sometimes act in ways that don't match their usual traits, such as a brave person feeling scared once.

5. Leo looks at the broken vase, looks at his mom, and looks down at his feet while his face turns red. How is Leo feeling?

Answer: B) Guilty

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Physical cues like looking at feet and a red face often signal guilt or shame after a mistake.

6. When we analyze how a character changes from the beginning to the end of a story, we are looking at character _____.

Answer: C) Growth

Character growth or development refers to the Internal changes a character undergoes due to story events.

7. The reason why a character does something is called their 'motive.'

Answer: A) True

Motive is the 'why' behind a character's actions, which is essential for deep character analysis.

8. Which of these is a 'dynamic' trait (it describes who they are) rather than just a temporary feeling?

Answer: B) Honest

Honesty is a character trait that stays with a person, while being surprised or sleepy is a temporary state.

9. If a character thinks 'I hope my sister wins first prize' instead of thinking about themselves, they are _____.

Answer: B) Selfless

Being selfless means putting others' needs or happiness before your own.

10. A character ignores the 'No Trespassing' sign and enters the dark cave anyway. What trait best describes this specific choice?

Answer: C) Rebellious

Ignoring rules or signs shows a rebellious trait, as the character is actively defying authority or warnings.