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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?

- A. She is forgetful
- B. She is empathetic and kind
- C. She is hungry
- D. She is impatient

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?

- A. They are persistent
- B. They are lucky
- C. They are bored
- D. They are angry

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

- A. Bravery
- B. Fear
- C. Clumsiness
- D. Laziness

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

- A. True
- B. False

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?

- A. Excited
- B. Guilty
- C. Tired
- D. Greedy

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

- A. Setting
- B. Title

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- C. Growth
- D. Weight

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

- A. True
- B. False

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

- A. Surprised
- B. Honest
- C. Sleepy
- D. Thirsty

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

- A. Selfish
- B. Selfless
- C. Mean
- D. Quiet

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

- A. Nervous
- B. Obedient
- C. Rebellious
- D. Polite