**Characterization**

**Definition: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Direct characterization**

**Definition:** The author or narrator directly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about a character’s traits. The author tells us about the character’s personality to our face.

**EXAMPLE:**

**“The patient boy and quiet girl were both well-mannered and did not disobey their mother.”**

* **Explanation: The author is directly telling the audience the personality of these two children. The boy is “patient” and the girl is “quiet.”**

**Indirect characterization**

**Definition:** The author or narrator \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a character’s traits through his or her actions and speech.

**EXAMPLE:**

When Jane walked in the room, nobody could help but look at her stunning, gorgeous face. She commanded attention wherever she went due to her looks.

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Jim was very unlike any other businessman. He made sure that all his clients got what they had paid for.

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**STEAL Method**

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  + **T\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
  + **E\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
  + **A\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
  + **L\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**