

Useful phrases for writing a characterization

- The main character/protagonist...
- Another central character is...
- Another important fact is (that) ...
- Another significant aspect is...
- From this behaviour/...one can conclude that ...
- As far as his behaviour is concerned, it can be said that...
- The predominant trait of his character is...
- However, even if x is... he, she is ...
- It is quite apparent that ...
- Not only does x, he, she also ...
- Proof of this can be found in ll. when x....
- Since x is portrayed as a ..., x can be called a ...
- This behavior clearly indicates that x ...
- This is also the reason why (x can be summed up in)...
- This is an example of ...
- This reveals that x ...
- This shows that x is....
- This very feature becomes apparent in ll.... when x ...
- To sum up... / Finally ...
- Without any doubt ...
- x also appears (to be) ...
- x is described as...
- x is portrayed as ...
- x can be characterized as...
- x likes to be...
- x represents (the) ...
- x seems to be...

Also:

- use linking words like “since, when, moreover, besides, despite, thus..., all in all...”
- use lots of different adjectives to describe a person
- know the difference between a flat and a round character/main and minor character
- know “How to write a characterization” e.g. Present tense, quote (!), three parts etc.

LINKING WORDS

Giving examples:

For example
For instance
Such as

Adding information:

And
In addition
As well as
Also
Too
Furthermore
Moreover
Apart from
In addition to
Besides

Summarizing:

In short
In brief
In summary
To summarize/to sum up
In a nutshell/to put it in a nutshell
To conclude
In conclusion
All in all
On the whole

Sequencing ideas:

The former, ... the latter
Firstly, secondly, finally
The first point is
Lastly
The following
Last but not least

Giving a reason:

Due to / due to the fact that
Owing to / owing to the fact that
Because
Because of
Since
As

Giving a result:

Therefore
So
Consequently
This means that
As a result/the result is
This/That is why
Hence
Thus

Contrasting ideas:

But
However
Although / even though
Despite / despite the fact that
In spite of / in spite of the fact that
Nevertheless
Nonetheless
While
Unlike
In theory... in practice...
On the one hand... on the other hand...
In contrast
On the contrary

Comparing ideas:

Similarly
Equally
Likewise
In the same way

Relating information:

With regard to
With respect to
Referring to
Regarding
According to
When it comes to

Emphasizing facts:

In fact
Obviously
Undoubtedly
For this reason
Again
Fortunately/unfortunately
Indeed

Reformulating:

In other words
To put it in another way

Giving opinions:

In my/his/her opinion
My opinion is
I think
I believe
In my view
From my point of view
To my mind