

What is Character Sketch?

A character Sketch is a piece of text that can give a brief overview of a particular person or character to a reader. Getting an idea of how to write a character sketch greatly helps in sharpening your observational skills. Practising a character sketch enables you to improve your summarising skills, which benefit you in various exams.

Follow the following simple steps to write a character sketch:

Step 1: Think of a Character

Pick someone you know or imagine - it could be a friend, family member, or a made-up person. Let's say we're writing about Ava, a 5th grader who loves adventure.

Step 2: Physical Description

Describe Ava's appearance:

- Age: 10 years old
- Height: Tall for her age
- Hair: Curly brown hair, often in a messy ponytail
- Eyes: Bright green
- Style: Comfortable clothes, loves wearing sneakers

Step 3: Personality Traits

What makes Ava happy? For example:

- Brave and curious
- Loves solving puzzles and mysteries
- Can be a bit bossy, but cares about friends
- Loves animals, especially her pet dog, Max

Step 4: Hobbies and Interests

What does Ava enjoy doing? For example

- Playing soccer
- Reading detective stories
- Exploring woods near her house
- Drawing and painting

Step 5: Goals and Challenges/Your opinions

What's Ava working towards or struggling with? For example

- Goal: Solve a mystery in her neighbourhood
- Challenge: Being more patient with friends

Step 6: Write it Out

Now, put it all together in a paragraph or two:

Ava is a 10-year-old whiz who's always on the move! She's tall with curly brown hair and bright green eyes that sparkle with curiosity. Ava loves wearing comfy clothes and sneakers so she can run around and play soccer with her friends anytime. She's brave and loves solving puzzles and mysteries, often getting her friends to join in on her adventures.

Ava's got a soft spot for animals, especially her dog Max, and loves exploring the woods near her house. She's a bit bossy sometimes, but she means well and cares about her friends. Ava's working on being more patient, but she's happy to take on challenges and solve the next big mystery!

Do these practice questions in your notebook.

- **Describe a Friend:** Write about your best friend. What do they look like? What makes them special?
- **A Family Member:** Sketch your mother, father, or sibling. Mention their habits, hobbies, and how they make you feel.
- **A Teacher You Admire:** Describe your favourite teacher. What qualities make them inspiring?
- **A Fictional Hero:** Choose a character from a story you love. How do they act, speak, and solve problems?
- **Yourself as a Character:** Imagine you are the main character in a book. How would you describe yourself to readers?
- **An Everyday Helper:** Write about someone in your community (shopkeeper, doctor, bus driver). What role do they play in daily life?