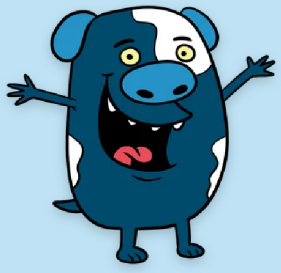
DRAMA · CREATING CHARACTERS · GRADES 2–5

Inside and Outside Traits

Sort the traits: outside traits are how a character looks, inside traits are how they act and feel.

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Traits

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Write each trait under Outside or Inside.

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Your turn: a character you would like to play

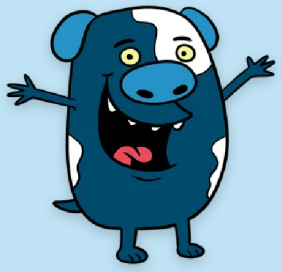
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Answers for grown-ups. Where kids write their own ideas, the key shows one example.



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