

Developing characters through reactions

For each of the characters below, watch the associated short clip online that gives the audience an idea of what they are like as characters. If you're unable to use a clip, choose any section from the linked films and find a moment where the same character reacts to someone or something with as little dialogue as possible. Then, choose two of the characters and try to imagine how they'd react and cope with the provided scenarios. You should find that they react differently based on who they are as people. Some adjectives have been provided as a help; feel free to use others instead or as well as.

**TIMID | BOLD | STRONG | INDEPENDENT | SCARED | RETICENT | NERVOUS | CONFIDENT | CHURLISH | JOYFUL | METICULOUS | SPITEFUL
HELPFUL | GULLIBLE | TOUCHY | ENTHUSIASTIC | PLUCKY | STRESSED | NAIVE | SPONTANEOUS | CONCEITED | NAIVE | UNASSUMING**

Character	Scene	Description of character using adjectives
Mia from <i>La La Land</i>	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BSYQD1BBx7I	
Sam from <i>Attack the Block</i>	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wnLVeso4g	
Tsotsi from <i>Tsotsi</i>	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xZIE0AnLnL0	
Oskar from <i>Let the Right One In</i>	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ddQQA_alcE	
Jenny from <i>An Education</i>	https://youtu.be/jmOvg7JKjVl	
Juno from <i>Juno</i>	https://youtu.be/B2CEGhwMjkQ	

Now select two of the characters from above and at *least* one of the following scenarios for them to react to. In the 'reaction' box, explain using the style of a script, only the *action* of each character to help portray what each character is like and crucially, how they are different to each other.

Scenario 1: The character is in a bank, waiting in line when a robber walks in shouting that it's a robbery but trips up as they do so.

Scenario 2: Your selected character is walking down the street on a very cold winter's day. They see someone they recognise and don't like slip over on some ice and fall heavily onto the floor.

Scenario 3: The character is waiting in line when someone pushes in front of them.

Scenario 4: Your choice of character is buying something. They've forgotten or lost their money. As they fumble around trying to find their money on them, the queue behind them becomes very impatient.

Scenario 5: The character is meeting some friends for lunch. One of the friends arrives late and because of this everyone else in the group thinks that they should buy everyone a drink.

Scenario 6: Your choice of character is walking to an important event and in a rush. On the way, they notice a wallet on the floor. They pick it up and it has the name address of the owner in it, but also a small bundle of cash.

Character name	Scenario number	Reaction