

Character Sketch

TEACHING NOTES

Character Sketch is very handy and can help you to get to know your students at the beginning of the year.

It also helps them to get to know each other – if they don't mind others seeing their work.

I've also found that it can open up useful discussions – whether it is pressures of work, offloading about bullying, memories of school days or numerous other issues.

ME - IN WORDS

Character Sketch

This is about writing a character sketch of yourself. Your writing should have a beginning (an introduction), a middle (developing your description) and an end (a conclusion).

1. Start with brief, basic facts; name, age, where you live, what you look like. This is your first paragraph.
2. Then develop the picture of yourself. Write what you think is important about you, or you could use the ideas box to help. Each idea is a **new paragraph**.
3. Finish off your writing, perhaps by summing yourself up using five words to describe your personality, or saying what you would like to do in the future. This is your final paragraph.
4. Proof-read your work; check spellings, grammar and punctuation.

IDEAS

Something you like and why
Something you dislike and why

What do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

Do you have a job? What is it? Do you enjoy it? Why / why not?

Your dream job, or dream life

Things that annoy you
Things that please you

Bad habits
Good habits

What people like about you

Obstacles to your happiness

Person you trust most and why
Person you should trust most and why

Dream partner

Have you had any unusual experiences?

Do you have any special talents or skills?

The best day of your life
The worst day of your life

