

Character Traits

Becoming Analyzing Readers

Watch your thoughts;
they become words.

Watch your words;
they become actions.

Watch your actions;
they become habits.

Watch your habits;
**they become your
character.**

Watch your character;
**it becomes your
destiny.**

What is a Character Trait?

- A word to describe a person
- Not a physical trait which describes a person's physical features (the way they look) or their abilities. Example: tall
- A *character trait* focuses on a person's personality or demeanor (the way they act). Example: funny

How Does Analyzing Character Traits Help You Become a Better Reader?

- When you are able to identify a character's traits, you are able to understand their actions and motives.
- You can make predictions about how a character will react to different situations.
- Understanding the character gives you an understanding of the story.

How to Determine Traits

- Try to identify permanent traits and not just a temporary emotion that goes against a person's normal character makeup.
- A good rule of thumb is to identify traits that you can supply plenty of examples and not just one.

Is It Easy?

- Not hard with a little thought.
- Characters are an important element of story.
- The traits of a character can be stated or can be shown to the reader by the character's actions. (Direct or Indirect Characterization)

For Example

- When you are reading a story the author may tell you the character is a generous person.
- The author may also show you that the character is generous by telling about a time he/she acted generously.

4 Ways to identify a Character's Traits in a Story

1. How others feel about the character or how the character feels about themselves. **F = Feelings**
2. What the character does - **A = Actions**
3. What the character says and what others say and about the character **S= Says**
4. What the character thinks **T = Thoughts**

Review

1. What are character traits?
2. What is the difference between a character trait and physical trait?
3. How do you think character traits will help you become a better reader?

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Whole Class Practice

- Look at the list of character traits
- In your groups:
 - Write the character trait that you believe best fits the character in the Snapchat.
 - Then write if the trait is revealed through Feelings, Actions, Thoughts, or Says.

Snapchat 1



When are we going swimming guys?

Snapchat 2



Snapchat 3



Snapchat 4



Snapchat 5



Snapchat 6



Snapchat 7



Snapchat 8



Snapchat 9



Snapchat 10



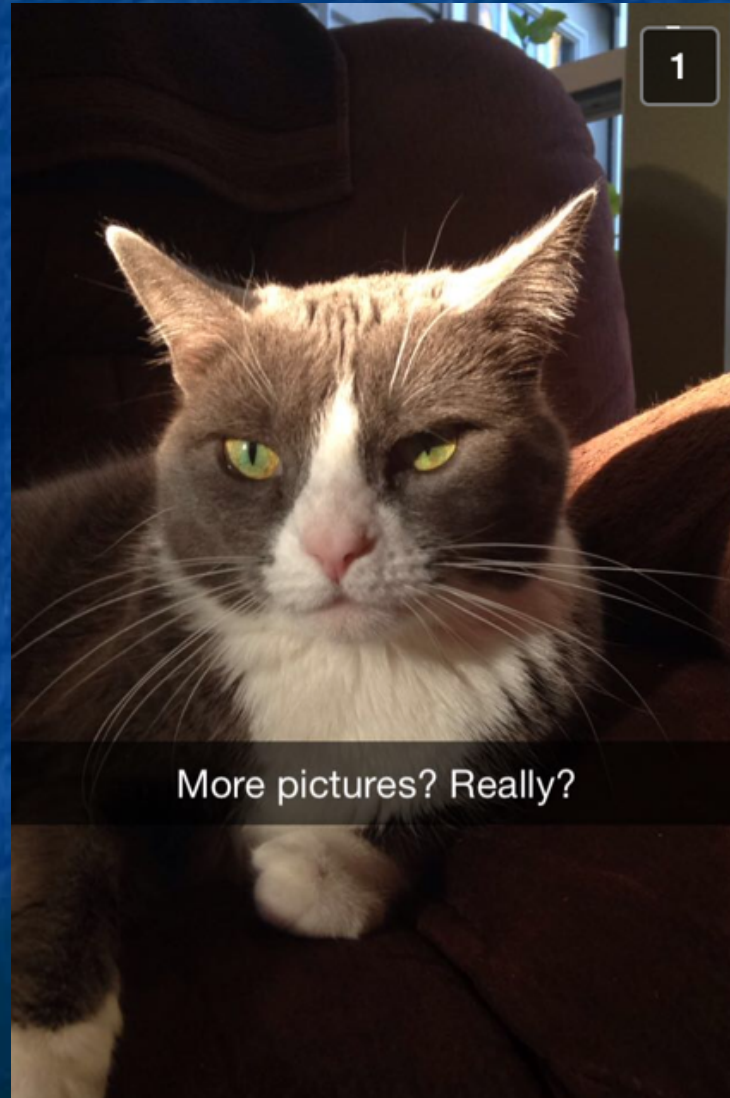
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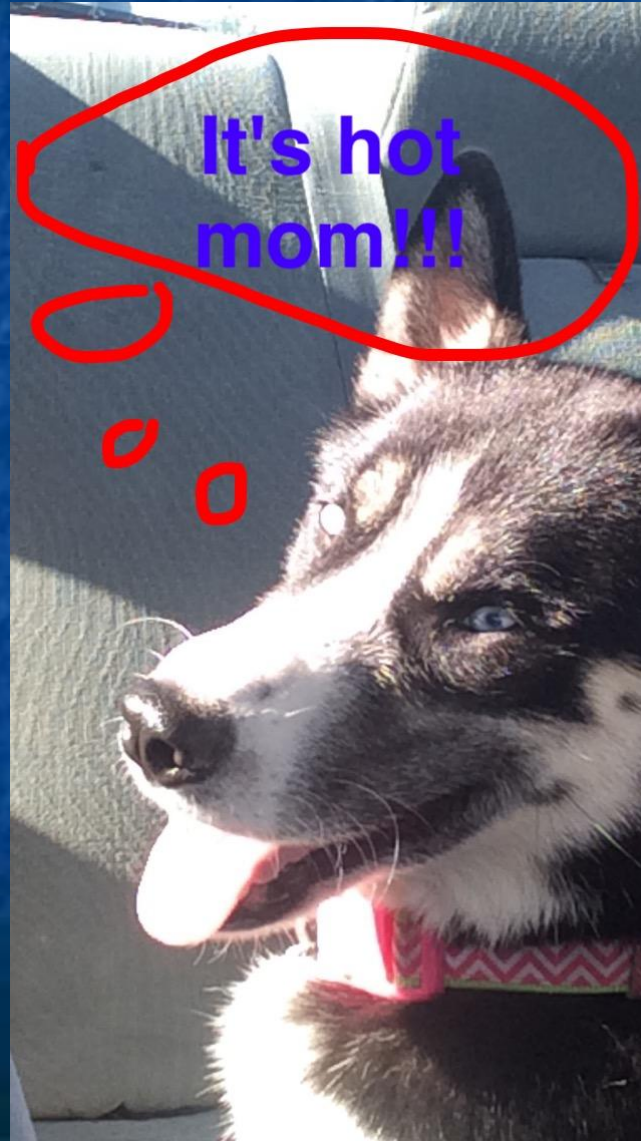
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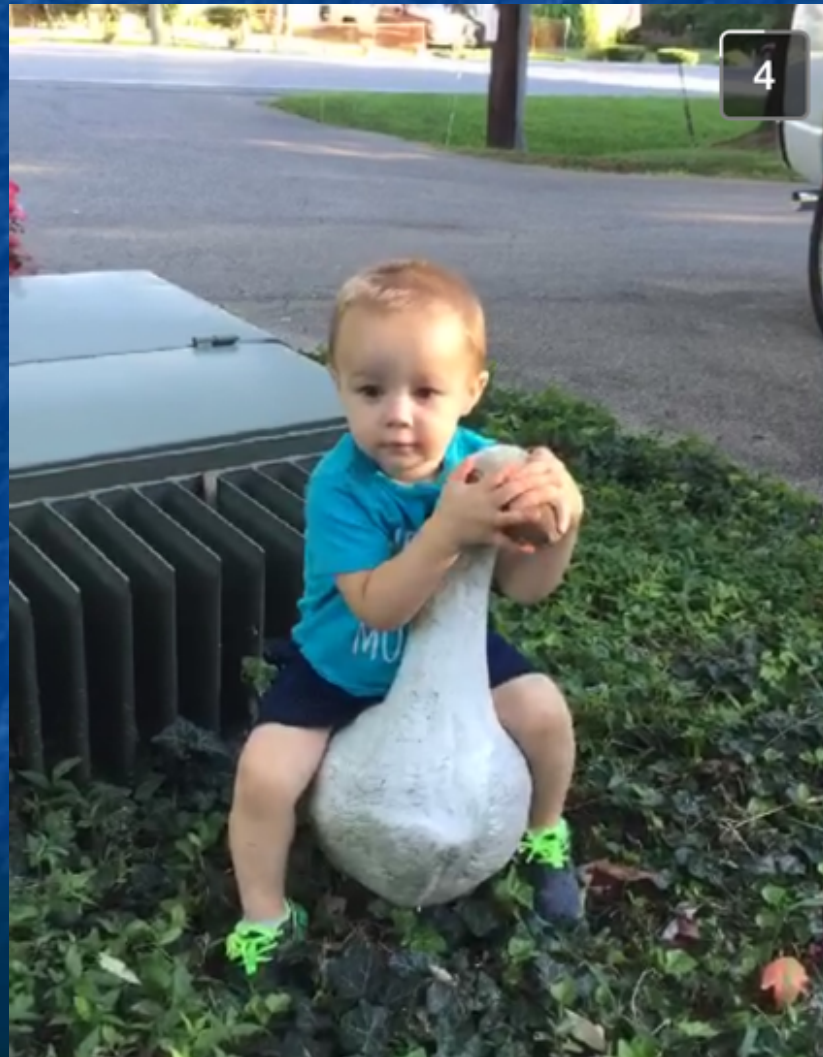
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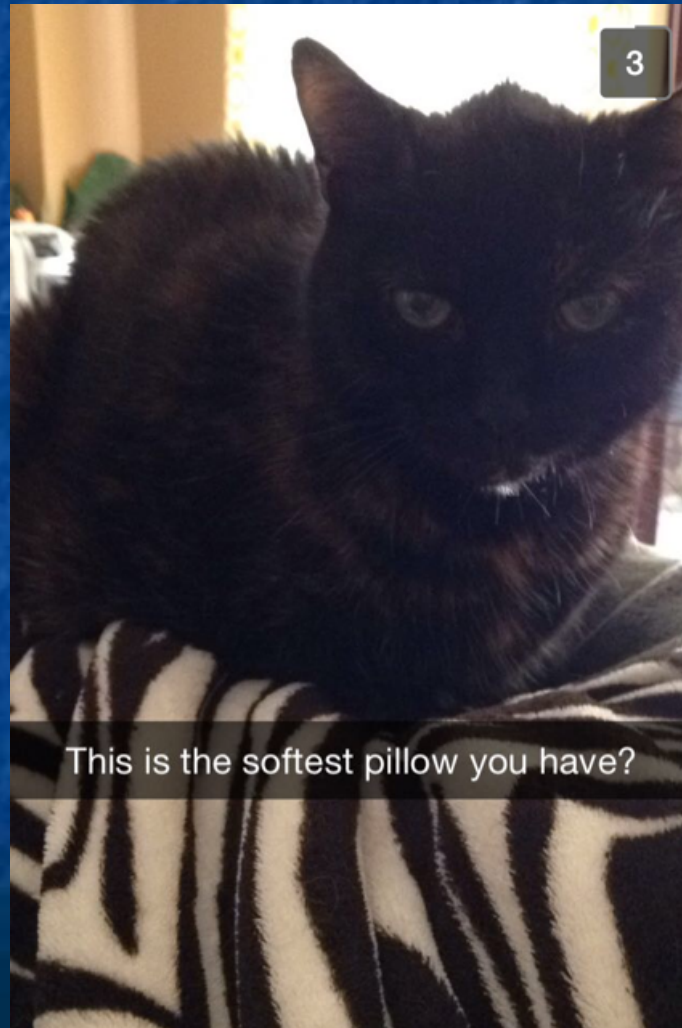


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"I brought u this! What you give me?"

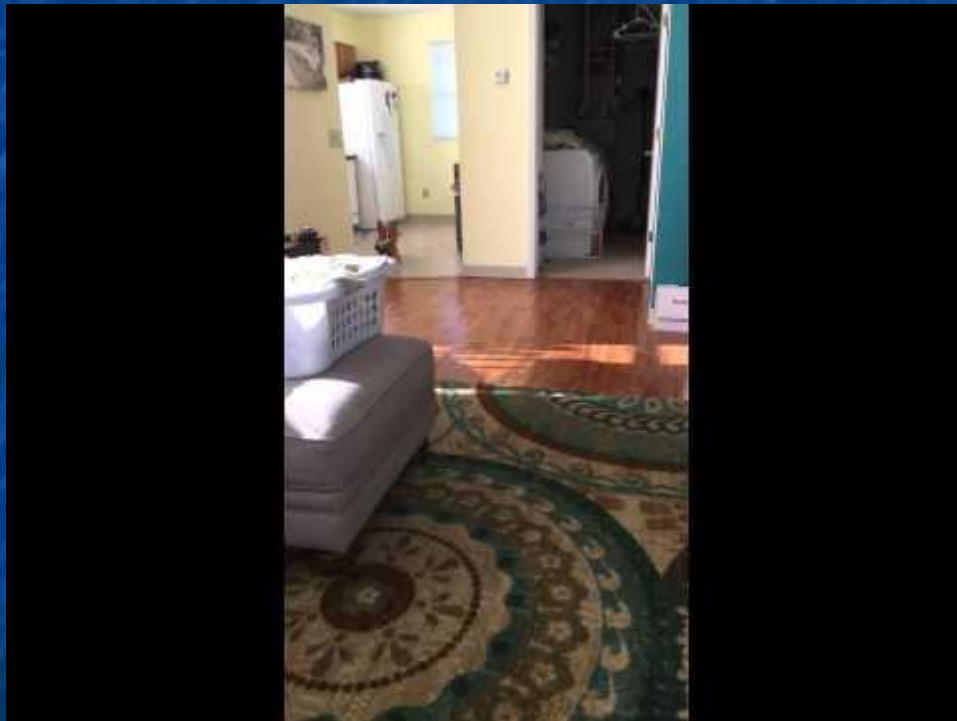


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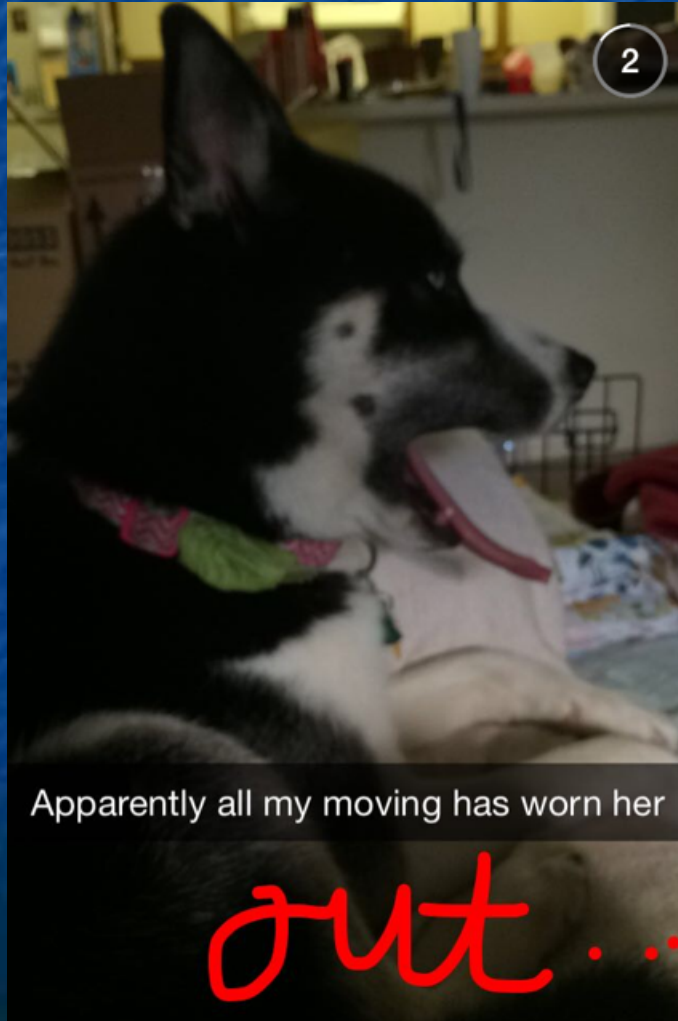


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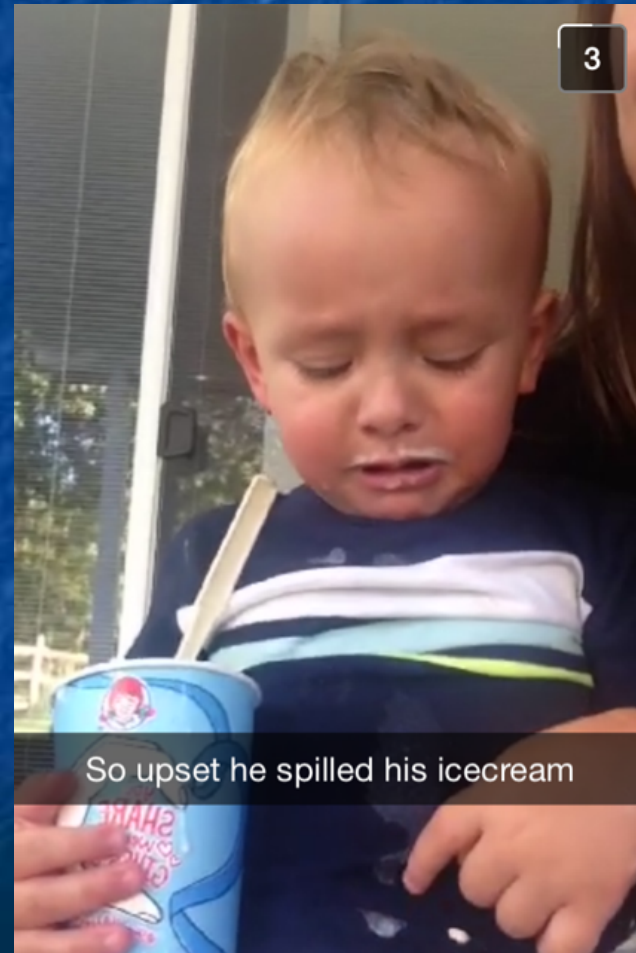
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