

Lower Level Level - May 2027

Week 1: Short Story Writing: Plot, Dialogue & Characterization | Vocabulary & Comprehension

Name: _____

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SECTION 1: VOCABULARY

dialogue	Conversation between characters, shown in quotation marks
characterization	Techniques an author uses to develop characters
direct characterization	When the author directly tells you a character's trait
indirect characterization	STEAL: Speech, Thoughts, Effect, Actions, Looks
point of view	The perspective from which a story is narrated
pacing	The speed at which story events unfold
tension	A feeling of conflict or uncertainty that keeps readers engaged
conflict	The central problem driving the story forward
protagonist	The main character the story follows
antagonist	The character or force opposing the protagonist

SECTION 2: USE IT IN A SENTENCE - Choose 4 words above and write original sentences.

1. Word: _____ Sentence: _____

2. Word: _____ Sentence: _____

3. Word: _____ Sentence: _____

4. Word: _____ Sentence: _____

SECTION 3: COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. What are the rules for punctuating dialogue?

2. What does STEAL stand for in indirect characterization?

3. How does pacing affect the tension in a story?

4. Write a 3-line dialogue that reveals something about a character's personality WITHOUT describing them directly.

5. What is the difference between direct and indirect characterization?
