

Purpose: To allow the reader to visualise the character's appearance and personality

Character description: Grandma

George couldn't help disliking Grandma. She was a selfish grumpy old woman. She had pale brown teeth and a small puckered up mouth like a dog's bottom. Most Grandmothers are lovely, kind, helpful old ladies, but not this one. She spent all day and every day sitting in her chair by the window, and she was always complaining, grouching, grouching, grumbling, griping about something or other. Never once, even on her best days, had she smiled at George and said, 'Well how are you this morning, George?' or 'Why don't you and I have a game of Snakes and Ladders?' or 'How was school today?' She didn't seem to care about other people, only about herself. She was a miserable old grouch.



Key features



Structural:

- Describe the character generally at first and then focus on specific things.
- Give examples of how they behave as well as a description of what they look like.
- End on a final statement about the character.

Language:

- Expanded noun phrases: *pale, brown teeth*
- Similes to compare: *a small puckered up mouth like a dog's bottom*



Writer's toolbox

Similes:

Similes compare one thing with another:
She smelt as rotten as a cabbage.
Her skin was wrinkled like an elephant's bottom.

Alan Peat:

'ad same ad sentence'
 Example: She was a **vile** woman, **vile** because she enjoyed tormenting children.

Punctuation:

Remember to use capital letters and full stops accurately
 Remember to use commas in a list

Vocabulary:

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| Selfish | Puckered |
| Complaining | Grouching |
| Grouching | Grumbling |
| Griping | Miserable |

Recommended reads

