Using imagery to describe a character

Activity 1

When writing a story, authors take time to create their main character. They use lots of adjectives to describe their appearance and personality, as well as give details about their interests and favourite things. These all help the reader build an image of your character.

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2 Read the descriptive paragraph and look at the characters below:

Samuel was confident and self-assured. He had always been praised and encouraged by his parents to believe in himself. He always chose to dress a little more smartly than the other kids, with a coordinated polo shirt and jumper combination, but tried to keep it cool with some trainers. His hair was always gelled into a stylish quiff that also added a bit of height to his average frame.

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Activity 2

Create your own character profile. Add as much descriptive language as you can to help build an image of the character for your reader. You can draw them in the middle if this helps you to build the profile.

My name is...

My character looks like...

My character's personality is...

My character's hobbies / interests are...

My character's favourite place is...

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Activity 3

Write a descriptive paragraph about the superhero you chose in Activity Two.

Include the following details in your writing:
- Their name and information about their appearance and personality.
- Details of their interests / hobbies / favourite place.

Write in the third person, e.g. 'he', 'she', 'it' and 'they'.

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Check if you have achieved these criteria:

☐ Included adjectives to describe the character's appearance.

☐ Included adjectives to describe their personality and given them a name.

☐ Included details of their hobbies, interests and favourite place.

☐ Checked your spelling, punctuation and grammar.