

Read each of the passages and answer the questions that follow.

Section A : Feelings/emotions of characters based on action or description.

a. Mira crept down the dark hallway, her hands trembling as the wind rattled the loose windowpane. Every shadow seemed to lunge toward her, twisting into strange shapes on the walls. She held her breath, praying that the creaking floorboards wouldn't give her away.

1. How does Mira feel as described in the text? Give evidence from the text to support your answer.

scared/nervous

her hands trembling / She held her breath

2. Find one example of onomatopoeia.

the creaking floorboards / wind rattled the loose windowpane

3. Find two verbs that show movement.

Lunge /twisting

b. As soon as the bus stopped, Leo burst out the door and sprinted toward the beach, his laughter echoing across the sand. The golden waves sparkled in the sunlight, welcoming him like an old friend. He felt as if the whole world were beaming just for him.

1. Describe Leo's emotions supporting your answer with evidence from the text.

Happy / excited

his laughter echoing across the sand/He felt as if the whole world were beaming just for him.

2. Find two verbs that show a form of light.

Sparkled / beaming

3. Find one example of personification.

welcoming him like an old friend.

c. The playground was silent now, and Amira sat alone on the swing, gently pushing herself back and forth. The fading sun cast long shadows beside her, but none of them belonged to friends. A soft sigh escaped her lips as she watched the other children walk away in groups.

1. How does Amira feel in this situation? Find a quotation that shows this.

Sad / lonely

and Amira sat alone on the swing / A soft sigh escaped her lips as she watched the other children

2. How does Amira's feeling of loneliness reflect through the description of the surroundings?

Give two details.

The playground was silent now / cast long shadows beside her, but none of them belonged to friends

d. Sam slammed his notebook shut, the pages crumpling under his hand. He couldn't believe his teammates had ignored his ideas again. Heat surged through him as he stared at the half-finished project, knowing he'd have to fix everything himself—again.

1. "Heat surged through him" What does this tell us about Sam's emotions?

He feels angry / furious / frustrated

2. What action Sam does that shows he is actually feeling this way?

Sam slammed his notebook shut

e. When Lina lifted the old wooden lid, a faint shimmer rose from inside the dusty chest. She leaned closer, her eyes widening as she spotted strange symbols glowing along the edges. For a moment, she forgot to breathe—she had never seen anything so mysterious.

1. “her eyes widening as she spotted strange symbols” From Lina’s reaction in this phrase, what do you think she felt in that moment?

Surprised / curious

2. Find two words that give the same meaning as (shine)

Shimmer / glowing

Section B : Mood/atmosphere through description of surroundings/settings.

a. The river drifted lazily between the tall reeds, carrying reflections of drifting clouds across its glassy surface. Birds chirped softly from the branches, their calls melting into the warm afternoon breeze. Nothing stirred but the gentle sway of wildflowers.

1. What is the overall mood/atmosphere of the paragraph?

Calm / peaceful / relaxed

2. How does this show through description of surroundings? Give two details that show this from the text.

The river drifted lazily / carrying reflections of drifting clouds / Birds chirped softly / their calls melting into the warm afternoon breeze / gentle sway of wildflowers

3. Find one example of a metaphor in this text.

their calls melting into the warm afternoon breeze

b. Thunder rumbled in the distance as dark clouds gathered, swallowing the last streaks of daylight. The narrow street lay empty, lit only by a flickering lamp that cast shaky shadows along the walls. Even the air felt heavy, as though holding its breath.

1. What mood does this passage create? Give two details from the text that shows this.

Tension / mystery / scary mood

2. Find an example of personification in the text.

swallowing the last streaks of daylight. / as though holding its breath.

3. What time of day do you think it is by the description?

Evening / night

c. Colorful stalls lined the town square, draped with bright ribbons that fluttered in the playful wind. Music spilled from every corner, mingling with the smell of warm pastries. Lanterns bobbed overhead, casting a warm, golden glow across the bustling crowd.

1. What type of mood/atmosphere is shown in this paragraph?

Cheerful / happy / welcoming

2. The writer highlights the mood through using various senses in the descriptions. Find a quotation as an example description of each of the senses below.,

Sight : Colorful stalls lined the town square/bright ribbons that fluttered

Sound: Music spilled from every corner

Smell: mingling with the smell of warm pastries

Light: Lanterns bobbed overhead, casting a warm, golden glow

Section C : Personality traits through describing character's actions.

a. Before leaving the house, Rafi checked every window latch twice and made sure the stove knobs were turned off. He folded the map neatly into his pocket and reviewed the bus timetable once more. Only then did he nod to himself and step outside.

1. According to the text, what would you describe Rafi as ?

Careful / Responsible / Organized

2. Give two details from the text that supports your answer.

checked every window latch twice / made sure the stove knobs were turned off./ He folded the map neatly into his pocket / reviewed the bus timetable once more

b. Lila knelt beside the stray puppy, shielding it from the rain with her jacket. She whispered softly as she rubbed its trembling fur, ignoring the puddles soaking through her shoes. When it whimpered, she scooped it gently into her arms without hesitation.

1. Do you think Laila is a caring person? Explain why using ideas from the text.

Yes. she knelt next to the puppy to check on it, shield it from rain, she comforted the puppy

2. Find two words from the text that mean the same as (shaking)

Trembling / whimpered

c. Jenna leapt onto her skateboard before her friends could warn her, steering straight toward the steep ramp with a grin. She didn't slow down or check the ground first; she simply pushed harder, relishing the rush as she sped forward.

1. According to Jenna's actions, how would you describe her personality? Choose two answers.

a. Daring

b. Smart

c. Organised

d. Reckless

2. How do you think Jenna felt while doing this? Give evidence from the text.

She felt excitement / steering straight toward the steep ramp with a grin

d. When the others gave up searching, Tariq stayed behind, crawling under the bushes with a torch in hand. He traced the missing earring's path through the garden, scanning every leaf and stone. After nearly an hour, he finally stood up, triumphant, holding it high.

1. Looking at what Tariq did, what quality would you describe him as? Why?

Determined / persistent because he did not give up when everyone else did.

2. Find two verbs from the text that mean (to search closely for something).

Traced / scanning

Section D: Previous actions shown through details.

a. A faint smear of chocolate curved across Matt's cheek. He wiped his mouth quickly when he noticed the others staring, but the sweet smell still lingered around him. A half-crumpled napkin peeked from his pocket.

1. "A faint smear of chocolate curved across Matt's cheek." What does this sentence tell us that Matt has been doing?

He was eating

2. Find another phrase in the text that supports your answer.

the sweet smell still lingered around him

b. Water dripped steadily from Aisha's hair, forming a tiny puddle at her feet. Her towel hung loosely around her shoulders, still soaked and heavy. She shivered slightly as the chlorine scent clung to her skin.

1. What was Aisha doing? Find a quotation that supports your answer.

She was swimming.

Water dripped steadily from Aisha's hair / still soaked and heavy / She shivered slightly

2. Where do you think Aisha was swimming? Explain how do you know.

In a pool / because the scent of chlorine still clung to her.

c. Jonah blinked slowly, his eyes still half-closed, and a crease from the sofa cushion marked his cheek. His hair stuck up unevenly, as though it had been pressed in every direction. He yawned so widely he had to steady himself on the arm of the chair.

1. "his eyes still half-closed, and a crease from the sofa cushion marked his cheek."

What does this sentence tell us about what was Jonah doing?

He was sleeping / napping

2. In the text, what action did he also do that supports your answer?

He yawned

Section E: Fiction genre and features.

Read each of the following passages. Identify the fictional genre of each. Give two features of the genre you chose.

a. The school courtyard buzzed with chatter as Maya balanced her sketchbook on her knees, trying to finish her art project before lunch ended. A gust of wind scattered a few pages, and she scrambled to catch them, laughing as her best friend helped her gather the mess. Around them, students rushed to class, backpacks bouncing against their shoulders.

Genre : **Realistic Fiction**

Features: **Realistic characters/ events/settings**

b. The silver-scaled dragon curled around the ancient tower, its glowing eyes watching as Elara stepped onto the floating bridge. Tiny sparks of magic shimmered beneath her boots, lighting her path with soft blue flames. In the distance, the enchanted forest rustled as though whispering warnings only she could hear

Genre : **Fantasy**

Features: **unreal settings / imaginary creatures / super natural powers**

c. Detective Rowan pushed open the creaking door, his torch cutting a narrow beam through the abandoned cabin. Dust floated in the cold air, and a single footprint stood out on the wooden floor—fresh, unmistakable. He knelt beside it, the silence deepening around him as if the woods outside were listening.

Genre : **Mystery / Suspense**

Features: **short sentences / mysterious events / plot twists / tense atmosphere**

d. Neon lights flickered across the metallic skyline as drones zipped overhead in perfect formation. Zuri adjusted the interface visor strapped to her temples, watching streams of holographic data drift across her view. In the distance, the launch tower hummed to life, preparing for the next off-world transport.

Genre :**Science Fiction**

Features: **futuristic settings / technical or scientific terms**

e. Long ago, in a village nestled at the foot of the whispering mountains, an old woodcutter lived with his clever daughter. Every morning, she greeted the forest spirits with a bow before entering the trees. The villagers said the spirits blessed her with luck, for wherever she walked, flowers seemed to bloom at her heels.

Genre : **Traditional Tale / Folktale**

Features: **good versus evil / unspecific time / unknown author / moral / talking animals / old language**

