

- RL.1.3** Describe characters, settings, and major events in a story, using key details.
- SL.1.1(a–c)** Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 1 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and larger groups.
- SL.1.4** Describe people, places, things, and events with relevant details, expressing ideas and feelings clearly.
- CCR.R.3** Analyze how and why individuals, events, and ideas develop and interact over the course of a text.
- CCR.SL.1** Prepare for and participate effectively in a range of conversations and collaborations with diverse partners, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly and persuasively.



UNDERSTAND THE STANDARDS



Discuss

Who is your favorite story about?

Stories are about **characters**.

Words to Know

characters
main character



This character is the Little Mermaid

- A character can be a person.
- A character can be an animal.
- The most important character is the **main character**.
- Some characters are good. Some are bad. Some are funny.



GUIDED INSTRUCTION

Read the story. Then answer the questions.



The Right Kitten

Rita and her father went to the pet store.

Rita saw kittens playing in the window.

One of them was very small.

It was not playing.

It looked at Rita with a sad face.

“Oh, Dad!” Rita said. “There is my kitten.

It wants to come home with us.”

“You are right,” Rita’s father said.

“It is looking right at you.

Let’s go inside and see if we can take it home.”

Guided Questions

Why do you think Rita wanted the kitten that was not playing?

Fill in the blank.

Rita is _____.

caring funny

What other character is in the story?

Circle the answer.

1. Who is the main character?

Rita

Rita's father

2. Rita is

an animal

a person

**ON YOUR OWN**

Read the story. Then answer the questions.

Sir Charles and the Dragon

A dragon scared the people of the town.
Sir Charles promised that he would get rid of the dragon.
He went to the dragon's cave.
There was the dragon. It breathed fire at him.
“Stop!” cried Sir Charles. “You will burn me!”



“I am sorry,” the dragon said.

“I do not want to hurt you,” Sir Charles told the dragon.

“I want you to stop scaring the people in the town.”

“I did not mean to scare them,” the dragon said.

“It is because I breathe fire. I cannot help it.”

“I have an idea,” Sir Charles said.

“We can have a big party with a bonfire. You can light the bonfire!”

The people loved the party. They asked the dragon to stay with them.

He helped them stay warm all winter.

Who are the characters in the story?

Tell a friend.

Tell what each character is like.

I Who is the main character?

- A** a person in the town
- B** Sir Charles
- C** the dragon
- D** Sir Charles’s helper



Discuss

2 Which word tells about Sir Charles?

- A mean
- B funny
- C brave
- D silly

3 The animal character in the story is _____.

4 Sir Charles's good idea shows that he is _____.

5 What is the dragon like? Tell your teacher or write it on a separate sheet of paper.



6 A hero is someone who saves the day. A hero is also someone who helps. Who is the hero in this story, Sir Charles or the dragon? Tell why.