




COM-28

Intervention Activities Guide (IAG)
Blackline Masters



Comprehension | Story Elements

COM-28 Polar Opposites Character Traits

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Students analyze traits of characters in the stories they read.

MATERIALS: Book, polar opposites chart, marker

- 1 Create a polar opposites chart.
- 2 Before reading, tell students which character you will discuss. Read a text aloud.
- 3 After reading, explain the polar opposites chart and work with students to decide where the character fits on it.
- 4 A plus sign (+) is placed on the line closest to the character trait. For example, if a character is more fearful than brave, a + is written closer to fearful. The reason for the answer is written below the trait. Model the activity often before assigning it independently or to small groups.

EXAMPLE:

Polar Opposites Chart

Character Name _____

Book Title _____

Where do you think _____
would fit for each of these traits?

Brave _____ Fearful

Reason: _____

A Leader _____ A Follower

Reason: _____

Adventurous _____ Cautious

Reason: _____

Generous _____ Greedy

Reason: _____

Wise _____ Foolish

Reason: _____

Happy _____ Sad

Reason: _____

EXTENSION: Students fill out the polar opposites chart for two different characters and then compare the traits of the two characters.



PREPARATION OF MATERIALS: Print the Polar Opposites Chart on page 2. Provide students or small groups with a copy of the chart. Follow the activity directions.



Less Challenging: Students complete the Simple Polar Opposites Chart on page 3.

Polar Opposites Chart

Character Name _____

Book Title _____

Where do you think _____ would fit on this chart for each of these traits?

Brave _____ Fearful
Reason _____

A Leader _____ A Follower
Reason _____

Adventurous _____ Cautious
Reason _____

Generous _____ Greedy
Reason _____

Wise _____ Foolish
Reason _____

Happy _____ Sad
Reason _____

Simple Polar Opposites Chart

Character Name _____

Book Title _____

Where do you think _____ would fit for each of these traits?

Brave _____ Fearful

A Leader _____ A Follower

Adventurous _____ Cautious

Generous _____ Greedy

Wise _____ Foolish

Happy _____ Sad