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# I Have Character



## What are character traits?

Character traits are all the parts of a person's behavior and attitude that make up their personality. These are qualities that cannot be seen on the outside but possessed on the inside. Everyone has both good and bad character traits. When talking or writing about these traits they are most often expressed with descriptive adjectives.



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or attitude of a person.

**Example:** If you were asked to list your best friend's positive character traits you might say they are *compassionate*, *adventurous*, and *imaginative*.

The above example describes a friend's character traits. To express those qualities we used words like *compassionate*, *adventurous*, and *imaginative*. Those are descriptive adjectives, or expressive words that describe your friend's character.

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Read the poem below.



## Hidden Treasure

By Neal Levin

The things that I'm most thankful for  
Are sometimes hard to see,



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I'm thankful that I truly feel  
No emptiness or death  
Of laughter, love, or liberty  
Or evidence of worth.  
I'm grateful to have self-respect  
And faith and hope and pride.  
The things that I'm most thankful for  
Are things I have inside.

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Match each vocabulary word from the poem on the left with the correct definition on the right. Write the letter on the line provided.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ confidence                      a. being an honest and fair person

2. \_\_\_\_\_ adaptability                      b. being able to speak freely

3. \_\_\_\_\_



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4. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_ self-respect                      f. not thinking you are better than others

7. \_\_\_\_\_ faith                              g. a firm trust in oneself or others

❖ **Now try this:** Find all of the words above in the poem and highlight them.

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Think about the poem Hidden Treasures. In the poem the poet talks

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tell what inner qualities you are most thankful for.

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# ANSWER KEY

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Match each vocabulary word from the poem on the left with the



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