

The challenge

Character building challenge

About the challenge

We'd like you and your family to develop a character using our role on the wall technique. This is a really fun way to make notes about what a character looks like on the outside, AND what they are like on the inside. You could do this about a character that you want to create for a story.

This challenge is supported by the National Literacy Trust and top children's football author Helena Pielichaty, who has written the Girls FC series, about a team of female footballers with high hopes of success.

Don't miss out...

You can get a FREE copy of the first book in Helena's Girls FC series from the **National Literacy Trust Words For Life website**. You can also take part in a special Facebook Live event on 2 February at 10.30 with TV presenter Ben Shires and Helena herself. At the event they will talk about characters, football and more. Why not join in, ask Helena questions and ask for shout outs?

Sign up for free, or go to the **page** on the day.



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Imagine that you are about to write a story. All stories need characters in them, and this can be one of the first things that a writer comes up with when they are writing.

This challenge will help you to create a character, and think about how they might change over the course of the story.

Using Template 1

Write notes to describe the thoughts and feelings of your character as they are at the **BEGINNING** of your story.

Write these on the inside of the body shape. Next, write notes about how your character looks. Write these on the **OUTSIDE** of the body shape.

Remember, think about what they are like at the beginning of the story. Are they happy or sad? Are they confident or shy? Have they just solved something, or are they experiencing a problem? And for the outside, are they wearing the latest clothes or their favourite team's football kit? Or do they look as though they need something new to wear?

Now let's think about how you want your character to develop!

Using Template 2

Do the same activity, but think about how you want your character to be at the **END** of your story. Has their situation changed? Do they feel differently to before? Have they scored a new pair of trainers?



Top Tips

- You don't have to just write! Why not draw your character's clothes and hair as well?
- You don't have to print this off – just draw your own character shape on any bit of paper you can find.
- You can do this any way you like! Feel free to show and describe your characters just as you want to.

