

Character Change Check

Sort characters by whether they change in an important way.

9.RL.1 "Key Ideas and Plot Details Explain stated or implied themes, analyzing their development over the course of texts, and the relationship of characters, setting, and plot to those themes..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

DYNAMIC CHARACTER

A dynamic character changes an important belief, attitude, or behavior because of events in the text.

After losing the election, Mira stops blaming others and begins asking for feedback.

STATIC CHARACTER

A static character stays mostly the same in important beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors, even when events happen.

During the expedition, Owen remains careful, quiet, and unwilling to take risks.

1 SORT

8 items

For each character description, circle DYNAMIC or STATIC, then for Part 2 choose two item numbers and explain what details proved each choice.

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| 1. | At first, Kellan mocks the community garden. After working there, he becomes its strongest defender. | ☐ DYNAMIC | ☐ STATIC |
| 2. | Yara begins as a timid speaker. By the final meeting, she confidently presents her ideas. | ☐ DYNAMIC | ☐ STATIC |
| 3. | Throughout the flood, Mr. Bell follows rules exactly as he did before. | ☐ DYNAMIC | ☐ STATIC |
| 4. | After missing her sister's recital, Suki recognizes that her choices hurt others and changes her priorities. | ☐ DYNAMIC | ☐ STATIC |
| 5. | From opening to ending, Dax remains boastful and dismisses every warning. | ☐ DYNAMIC | ☐ STATIC |
| 6. | Although the journey is difficult, Eleni keeps the same cheerful, trusting outlook. | ☐ DYNAMIC | ☐ STATIC |
| 7. | Seeing the harm caused by his prank, Marcus apologizes and becomes more considerate. | ☐ DYNAMIC | ☐ STATIC |
| 8. | Priya starts by judging people only by their clothing. After relying on a stranger's kindness, she stops making quick judgments. | ☐ DYNAMIC | ☐ STATIC |

2**PROVE IT**

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3**MAKE YOUR OWN**

One of each

Write one new dynamic character example and one new static character example.

DYNAMIC

STATIC

CHALLENGE

Use the dynamic character you wrote. In exactly two sentences, state a possible theme and explain how the character's change develops that theme.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	At first, Kellan mocks the community garden. After working there, he becomes its strongest defender.	DYNAMIC	Kellan changes from mocking the garden to supporting it.
2	Yara begins as a timid speaker. By the final meeting, she confidently presents her ideas.	DYNAMIC	Yara changes from timid to confident.
3	Throughout the flood, Mr. Bell follows rules exactly as he did before.	STATIC	Mr. Bell's behavior remains the same.
4	After missing her sister's recital, Suki recognizes that her choices hurt others and changes her priorities.	DYNAMIC	Suki gains understanding and changes what matters to her.
5	From opening to ending, Dax remains boastful and dismisses every warning.	STATIC	Dax keeps the same attitude and behavior.
6	Although the journey is difficult, Eleni keeps the same cheerful, trusting outlook.	STATIC	Eleni's outlook does not change.
7	Seeing the harm caused by his prank, Marcus apologizes and becomes more considerate.	DYNAMIC	Marcus changes his behavior after understanding the harm he caused.
8	Priya starts by judging people only by their clothing. After relying on a stranger's kindness, she stops making quick judgments.	DYNAMIC	Priya changes her belief about how to judge people.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **DYNAMIC:** After being cut from the team, Ren realizes he has ignored his friends and begins listening to them.
- **STATIC:** No matter what rumors spread, Ms. Ibarra continues to trust every student in her class.

Challenge: A possible theme is that accepting help can make a person stronger. Ren's shift from hiding every problem to listening to his friends develops this theme.

Answers are 1 DYNAMIC, 2 DYNAMIC, 3 STATIC, 4 DYNAMIC, 5 STATIC, 6 STATIC, 7 DYNAMIC, and 8 DYNAMIC. In Part 2, students should cite a before-and-after change for dynamic characters or evidence of continued behavior or attitude for static characters.