Characterisation

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Name: _____ Datum: _____

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Excerpt (invented, for practice): Mrs Adeyemi never raised her voice. She didn't need to. When the class grew loud, she simply stopped talking and looked at the clock until the silence returned, and then she said, „Thank you," as if they had done her a favour. Her desk was bare except for a single photograph, turned away from the students. Nobody had ever seen it. Jamie thought she was cold. Priya said she was the only teacher who had ever read her essays twice.

1 Direct or indirect characterisation? Sort the information and write D or I.

Direct: the narrator or a character states a trait. Indirect: we conclude the trait from actions, speech, appearance or surroundings.

a) She never raised her voice. *I*

b) Jamie thought she was cold. *D*

c) The photograph is turned away from the students. *I*

d) She says „Thank you" as if they had done her a favour. *I*

e) Priya said she read essays twice. *D (through a character)*

2 Character traits: Name three traits of Mrs Adeyemi and give the evidence for each.

Trait: an adjective (calm, private, authoritative _____). Evidence: a short quote.

a) Trait 1 — evidence: *calm / self-controlled — „never raised her voice", „simply stopped talking"*

b) Trait 2 — evidence: *private / reserved — the photograph „turned away", „Nobody had ever seen it"*

c) Trait 3 — evidence:
conscientious / caring in her own way — „read her essays twice"; also authoritative: „until the silence returned"

3 Perspective: How do the two students see her, and what does the difference tell us?

Two views of the same person — which one does the text seem to support, and how?

a) Jamie: *Jamie sees her as cold — he reads her reserve as lack of feeling.*

b) Priya: *Priya sees her as caring — she judges by what the teacher does for her work.*

c) What the contrast suggests:
The text shows that her reserve hides attention and care; the reader is led to trust Priya's view, because it is based on an action, not an impression.

4 Write a characterisation of Mrs Adeyemi (120 to 150 words).

Present tense. Adjective + quote + explanation. No retelling.

a) Introduction (role in the text), traits with evidence, the two perspectives, conclusion: what kind of character is she (flat/round, static/dynamic)?
Own text. Check: introduction, three traits with quotes, both perspectives, conclusion (a round, static character with hidden depth), present tense.