



EduLIT

LITERACY CLUB

THEME: CREATING A STORY

PART 2 OF A 4 WEEK SERIES: CHARACTER

TODAY'S THEME: CHARACTER

IDIOM OF THE WEEK:

Down to earth - used to describe someone who is honest and open and real

RIDDLE OF THE WEEK?

There are 24 married couples on a plane and three single pilots. 5 of the couples are on their way to their honeymoons. 7 of them are going on a fishing trip in Elmina, near Cape coast. The plane crashes in Accra. Every single person dies.

How many people do they bury?

(Answer at the top of the next page, but don't peek!)

WORD OF THE WEEK:

trait

Definition:

a distinguishing quality or characteristic, typically one belonging to a person

Synonym:

attribute
peculiarity

Exercise:

- Create a sentence with the word of the week
- Think of an antonym and try to also put it in a sentence

GAME

1. Get into pairs
2. Act out one of the following situations (creating relevant characters for each)
 - An argument within a family
 - Resolving a problem
 - Overcoming a difficult situation

PROBLEM OF THE WEEK: HOW CAN WE BEGIN A STORY?

ACTIVITIES:

1. Group leader reads out a passage from a book which has a description of a character or of multiple characters and there is a discussion about how the description made the pupils feel.
2. Pupils discuss how characters are presented and the different types of characters, for example:
 - **Protagonist** (main character), **antagonist** (villain), **secondary characters** (supporting characters)
 - Description of the *physical appearance*
 - Description of the *personality* of each character
 - How do characters speak and **interact** with one another
3. In pairs, pupils read their own books and share how a particular character they liked is presented.

CREATIVE WRITING:

- Split up into **2 groups**, to write a description of a character they create (200 words)
 - **Group 1:** Write about a secondary character, eg the mother of the main character
 - **Group 2:** Imagine you are the antagonist and explain your thoughts
- Then groups present their writing tasks.

WEEKLY CHALLENGE:

Take a character you have created in either the game or the creative writing task and write a story about a day in their life. Try to describe the character and explore how they interact with other characters.