

Character's Conversation with Others (Second Quarter) Practice Activities

Luis Garcia: End Zone Hero

A hulk of a man, Coach Lensky wore the same ball cap and headphones to every game. He grabbed Luis' s shoulders and looked him straight in the eye. "I can see you' re thinking too much, Garcia. Don' t worry. Just look for Chris in the far corner. He' ll be open."

Luis swallowed hard, and nodded. "I' ll do my best, Coach."

First, please read the story.

Second, list any public and/or private character traits of Luis Garcia.

- Public Traits
- Private Traits

Last, locate in the story where the author uses other thoughts about the character & the character in action to reveal Luis' s character traits.

Compare your answers with **Turner's T-Chart and Think Aloud**

Before You Read:

Remember one way an author reveals a character is by describing public and private traits.

Public traits include: appearance, biographical background, and accomplishments.

Private traits include: emotions, inner strengths, and fears.

After you read, think about the question, "What do I know about Luis Garcia?" Finally, consider how the author **used other' s thoughts about the character & the character in action** during the story to provide you with this information.

The Big Hike

Tonya fastened her sleeping bag to her backpack, and laced up her hiking boots.

"Ten days hiking the Appalachian Trail," said Dad. "What do you think of no phone, no TV, and no hot showers?"

"I can't wait, Dad!" said Tonya. "After all, we've done marathon bike rides, and we taught ourselves to sail. This experience is totally different!"

Dad smiled. "It's awesome how you love nature and welcome a challenge, too."

"Mom's the same way, isn't she?" asked Tonya.

Dad nodded. "Those are a few of the reasons why she enlisted in the military."

Tonya opened a compartment of her backpack, and pulled out a photo of her mom.

"You miss her, don't you?" asked dad.

"I know Mom's deployed right now," said Tonya, "but she'll be with us on the trail, every step of the way."

First, please read the story.

Second, list 3 public and 3 private character traits of Price Victor.

- Public Trait
- Private Traits

Last, locate in the story where the author uses the main character's conversation with others to reveal Tanya's character trait.

Compare your answers with **Kambry's T-Chart and Think Aloud**