Students are given 6 different character traits and 18 different paragraph cards. Students must match up the character trait cards with the paragraph cards that describe what a character with that certain trait might say, do, or think.

Print the character traits (page 3) in one color and the paragraphs (pages 4 - 6) in a different color to help students distinguish between the two.

A recording sheet is provided as a way to assess student work.

#### Picture Model

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#### Cards for Game

Character Trait Cards: Page 3 Paragraph Cards: Pages 4 - 6

#### Student Recording Sheet

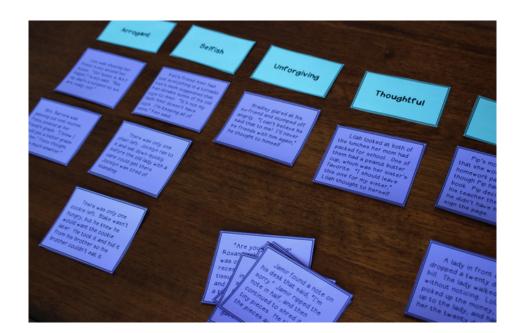
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#### Answer Key

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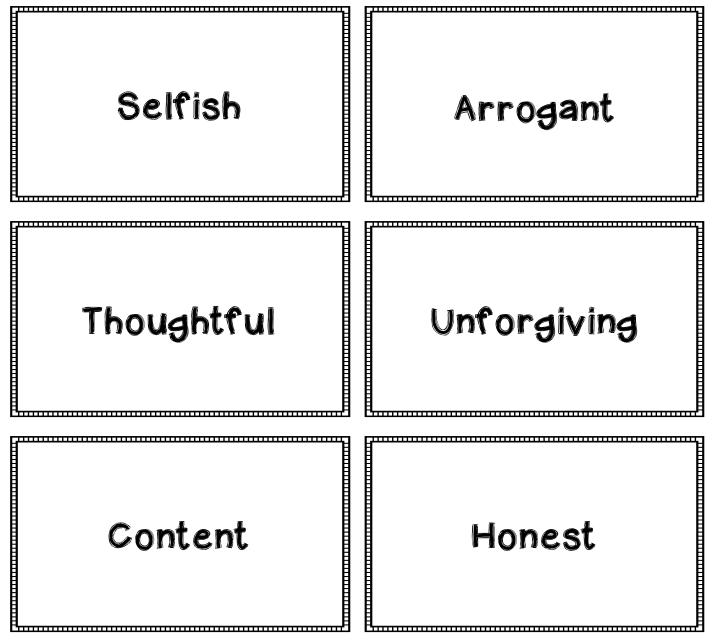
In the picture below, the light blue cards are the character traits and the purple cards are the paragraph cards.

To complete this center, have students mix up all of the paragraph cards and then match them to the correct character trait.



Character Trait Cards

- Print out the character traits (this page) in one color and the paragraph cards (pages 4 - 6) in a different color. Cut out each card and laminate for durability.
- 2. Make copies of the recording sheet for each student (page 7).
- Place all of the materials in a center. Have students match up each character trait with the 3 paragraph cards that give examples of the character trait.



Paragraph Cards

Blake's mom had just pulled cookies out of the oven. Blake wasn't hungry, but he knew he would want the cookies later. He took the cookies and hid them from his brother so his brother couldn't eat them.

Bennett scoffed at his younger brother. "How do you not know what 5 + 5 equals? It's so easy! I could solve that in 2 seconds!"

There was only one chair left. Jocelyn ran to it and sat down quickly before the old lady with a cane could get there. Jocelyn was tired of standing.

Ken's friend Amir had lost everything in a tornado. Ken's mom suggested that Ken donate some of his old toys to Amir. "It's not my fault Amir doesn't have toys. I'm keeping all of mine," Ken said. Mrs. Barrera was passing out test scores. Fenix peeked at her friend's grade. "I knew I would get a better grade than her," Fenix thought. "I am so much smarter."

Lexi was showing her friend Avery around her house. "Our house is WAY bigger," Avery said. "But my dad's a surgeon so we are really rich."

Paragraph Cards

Lilah looked at both of the lunches her mom had packed for school. One of them had a peanut butter cup, which was her sister's favorite. "I should leave this one for my sister," Lilah thought to herself.

Bradley glared at his ex-friend and stomped off angrily. "I can't believe he said that to me! I'll never be friends with him again," he thought to himself.

Jay noticed that a boy in his class didn't have any school supplies except a pencil, so he brought his extra markers and scissors from home and gave them to the boy.

"Are you all right?" Roxana asked a girl that was crying by the slides at recess. "Can I get you a tissue?" The girl nodded, and Roxana ran off to find a tissue. Ruby's sister had apologized several times for accidently breaking Ruby's favorite toy. Ruby didn't care. She yelled at her sister, "I'll hate you forever!"

Jamir found a note on his desk that said, "I'm sorry." Jamir ripped the note in half, and then continued to shred it into tiny pieces. He threw all the pieces away.

Paragraph Cards

Mrs. Kral told Anise that all of the chocolate cupcakes had already been eaten. Chocolate was Anise's favorite. "That's okay," Anise told her teacher. "I'm just happy to have any cupcake!"

School had been a lot of fun. His class had gone on a field trip and Shawn had gotten to hang out with his best friend all day. "This has been such a great day," Shawn thought to himself.

Jose and his sister had finished opening their Christmas presents. Jose had only received 2 presents, while his sister received 6 presents. He didn't mind – he had gotten everything he wanted. A lady in front of Lola dropped a twenty dollar bill. The lady walked off without noticing. Lola picked up the money, ran up to the lady, and handed her the twenty dollars.

Keenan's mom found a broken glass on the floor. She thought the cat had knocked it over. Keenan told her, "It wasn't the cat. I was the one who broke the glass. I'm sorry."

Pip's mom had told him that she would sign his homework page even though Pip hadn't read the book. Pip decided to tell his teacher the truth, and he didn't have his mom sign the page.

Student Recording Sheet

- Use the information from the Character Traits Sort to answer the questions below.
  - 1. Think about the 6 character traits you sorted. Which one best describes you? Explain.

2. Choose one of the 6 character traits. What is something else that a person with that trait might do, say or think? Character Trait:

3. Which of these 6 character traits is the best one to have? Why?

4. Which of these 6 character traits is the worst one to have? Why?

# Character Traits Sort Answer Key

Selfish	Blake's mom had just pulled cookies out of the oven. Blake wasn't hungry, but he knew he would want the cookies later. He took the cookies and hid them from his brother so his brother couldn't eat them.	There was only one chair left. Jocelyn ran to it and sat down quickly before the old lady with a cane could get there. Jocelyn was tired of standing.	Ken's friend Amir had lost everything in a tornado. Ken's mom suggested that Ken donate some of his old toys to Amir. "It's not my fault Amir doesn't have toys. I'm keeping all of mine," Ken said.
Arrogant	Bennett scoffed at his younger brother. "How do you not know what 5 + 5 equals? It's so easy! I could solve that in 2 seconds!"	Mrs. Barrera was passing out test scores. Fenix peeked at her friend's grade. "I knew I would get a better grade than her," Fenix thought. "I am so much smarter."	Lexi was showing her friend Avery around her house. "Our house is WAY bigger," Avery said. "But my dad's a surgeon so we are really rich."
Thoughtful	Lilah looked at both of the lunches her mom had packed for school. One of them had a peanut butter cup, which was her sister's favorite. "I should leave this one for my sister," Lilah thought to herself.	Jay noticed that a boy in his class didn't have any school supplies except a pencil, so he brought his extra markers and scissors from home and gave them to the boy.	"Are you all right?" Roxana asked a girl that was crying by the slides at recess. "Can I get you a tissue?" The girl nodded, and Roxana ran off to find a tissue.
Unforgiving	Bradley glared at his ex-friend and stomped off angrily. "I can't believe he said that to me! I'll never be friends with him again," he thought to himself.	Ruby's sister had apologized several times for accidently breaking Ruby's favorite toy. Ruby didn't care. She yelled at her sister, "I'll hate you forever!"	Jamir found a note on his desk that said, "I'm sorry." Jamir ripped the note in half, and then continued to shred it into tiny pieces. He threw all the pieces away.
Content	Mrs. Kral told Anise that all of the chocolate cupcakes had already been eaten. Chocolate was Anise's favorite. "That's okay," Anise told her teacher. "I'm just happy to have any cupcake!"	School had been a lot of fun. His class had gone on a field trip and Shawn had gotten to hang out with his best friend all day. "This has been such a great day," Shawn thought to himself.	Jose and his sister had finished opening their Christmas presents. Jose had only received 2 presents, while his sister received 6 presents. He didn't mind – he had gotten everything he wanted.
Honest	A lady in front of Lola dropped a twenty dollar bill. The lady walked off without noticing. Lola picked up the money, ran up to the lady, and handed her the twenty dollars.	Keenan's mom found a broken glass on the floor. She thought the cat had knocked it over. Keenan told her, "It wasn't the cat. I was the one who broke the glass. I'm sorry."	Pip's mom had told him that she would sign his homework page even though Pip hadn't read the book. Pip decided to tell his teacher the truth, and he didn't have his mom sign the page.

# Character Traits Centers

Grading Rubric

Student Name:

	<u>3 points</u>	<u>2 points</u>	<u>1 point</u>
<u>Completeness</u>	All of the required work was completed.	Most of the required work was completed.	Very little of the required work was completed.
<u>Behavior</u>	The student was always on task. The student was extremely respectful and caring towards peers.	The student was mostly on task. The student was sometimes respectful and caring towards peers.	The student was rarely on task. The student was rarely respectful and caring towards peers.
<u>Quality of</u> <u>Content:</u> Student Recording Sheet	The student's answers were thoughtful and displayed a thorough understanding of character traits.	The student's answers were expected and displayed an average understanding of character traits.	The student's answers lacked thoughtfulness. The student needs more practice character traits.
<u>Conventions:</u> Student Recording Sheet	There are very few errors in spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and grammar.	There are several errors in spelling, capitalization, punctuation, or grammar.	There are many errors in spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and grammar. Because of these errors, the answers are very difficult to read.

Teacher Comments:

#### Total Points out of 12: