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# Static and Dynamic Characters

## Practice

A **character** is a person or an animal who takes part in the action of a literary work. Characters can be divided into types.

- A **static character** is one whose attitudes and behavior remain essentially stable throughout a literary work.
- A **dynamic character** experiences a change in attitude or behavior during the course of a work.

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**Identify each character as static or dynamic. Write your answer in the blank.**

### 1. Bob

*Beginning of the story:* Bob feels that it is important to be an informed voter.

*End of the story:* Bob does research into the voting records of the presidential candidates. \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Linda

*Beginning of the story:* Linda works hard and loves playing soccer.

*End of the story:* Linda gives up some of her hours at work so she can play soccer. Linda still works hard and still loves playing soccer. \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Superguy

*Beginning of the story:* Superguy believes he can solve most problems using his special powers.

*End of the story:* Superguy is unable to save his friend from an illness. Superguy realizes he cannot solve every problem. \_\_\_\_\_

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## Assess

**A** Identify each character as static or dynamic. Write your answer in the blank.

### 1. Samantha

*Beginning of the story:* At school, Samantha is shy and does not talk much.

*End of the story:* Samantha makes new friends at school. She speaks up more in class. \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Lateesha

*Beginning of the story:* Lateesha keeps busy with activities in her city. She daydreams about living in the country.

*End of the story:* Lateesha takes a bus to a new restaurant with her friends. Later, she watches a video she has rented about a boy who lives on a farm. After watching the video, she thinks about what she would have to do to become a farmer. \_\_\_\_\_

**B** Read the sentences that describe the beginning of two stories. Then, write brief endings to the stories that demonstrate a change in the characters.

### 1. Dr. Bad

*Beginning of the story:* Dr. Bad plans to take over the world. He does wrong whenever he can.

*End of the story:* \_\_\_\_\_  
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### 2. Eliana

*Beginning of the story:* For as long as she can recall, Eliana has been afraid of speaking in front of large groups. During class presentations, her voice trembles and her hands shake.

*End of the story:* \_\_\_\_\_  
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