## How do you change a direct characterization into an indirect characterization?

English Grammar\_English Composition\_Literary Devices

## 1 Answer



## **Answer:**

See explanation.

## **Explanation:**

**Direct characterization** means describing character by using adjectives.

For example:

• John is an unusually honest man.

**Indirect characterization** is describing people through their actionsm, speech, appearance etc.

An indirect equivalent to the pervious description could be for example:

• When John found a wallet on the street, he returned it immediately to the nearby police station.

In the above text no adjectives were used but from the situation described we can assume that John is an honest man.

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change direct characterization into indirect characterization.

- 1. Scott is a talkative student who often missed the teacher's instructions.
- 2. He was a simple, good-natured man; he was moreover a kind neighbor and an obedient, henpecked husband. *Rip Van Winkle* by Washington Irving
- 3. The Most Dangerous Game by Richard Connell "" 'Ivan is an incredibly strong fellow,' remarked the general, 'but he has the misfortune to be deaf and dumb. A simple fellow, but, I'm afraid, like all his race, a bit of a savage."
- 4. The Old Man and the Sea by Earnest Hemingway
  The old man was thin and gaunt with deep wrinkles in the back of his neck.
  The brown blotches of the benevolent skin cancer the sun brings from its reflection on the tropic sea were on his cheek ... Everything about him was old except his eyes and they were the same color as the sea and were cheerful and undefeated."