### Character Clusters

**Mystery Solver**

- Physical Description
- Personality Traits

### Solve the Mystery

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WITNESS!

How keen are your powers of observation? You have just witnessed a mysterious event. Without discussing the event with anyone, record your observations. Try to complete every item. If you are unable to respond to any item, put a question mark on that line.

**EYEWITNESS REPORT**

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Was anything taken during this event? Yes or No. If yes, complete this section:

Object stolen ____________________________ Color ____________ Dimensions ____________
Weight ____________ Value ____________ Owner ____________

Was anything left behind during this event? Yes or No. If yes, complete this section:

Object left ____________________________ Color ____________ Dimensions ____________
Weight ____________ Value ____________

**Suspect**

Male or Female ______ Male or Female ______ Age ______ Height ______ Weight ______

Eye color ____________________________ Hair color ____________________________
Distinguishing features ____________________________________________
Clothing ____________________________________________
Do you know the suspect? Yes or No
If yes, name of suspect ____________________________________________
WHAT COULD IT MEAN?

A good detective must keep an open mind while considering all possible explanations for an event.

Keep an open mind when you read about the events below. Write at least two possible explanations for each event. Remember not to jump to any conclusions.

▲ When the Smith family got home from a two-week vacation in the Bahamas, the first thing they noticed was that lights were on in their house. What could it mean?

1. 
2. 

▲ They could hear music coming from the house. What could it mean?

1. 
2. 

▲ They could hear their dog barking. What could it mean?

1. 
2. 

▲ They could see some of their possessions lying on the lawn. What could it mean?

1. 
2. 

▲ As the Smiths pulled up, the next-door neighbor ran across the yard waving frantically. What could it mean?

1. 
2. 

▲ On a separate sheet of paper, write a short paragraph to explain all these events.