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Character Traits

Directions: The following questions require you to infer about character traits. Use the clues in the story to identify character traits and provide evidence to support your answer.

1. Jake is Cassie's older brother. One day they are walking home from school when a cold front rolls in and the temperature drops 20 degrees. Jake is dressed more appropriately for the weather than Cassie. He takes off his hooded sweatshirt and offers it to her. She gratefully accepts. Jake is now colder, but he is happier.

What character trait does Jake demonstrate?	Evidence from text to support my thinking:

2. Craig is a football player training over the summer for next season. The coach demands that all players come in at 6:00 AM and lift weights until 8:00 AM, when practice begins. Craig gets there at 5:00 AM to begin his training.

What character trait does Craig demonstrate?	Evidence from text to support my thinking:

3. Anna volunteered to help Sarah clean her house. When Anna washed the mirrors, Sarah asked her if she used paper towels instead of newspapers. When Anna admitted that she had, Sarah asked her to redo them. Then, while Anna was sweeping, Sarah corrected her on her technique. "Don't just push the dirt around, Anna. SWEEP it," Sarah told Anna.

What character trait does Sarah demonstrate?	Evidence from text to support my thinking:

Theme

Directions: Remember - theme is a big idea in a story. Some common themes that we find in reading are cooperation, acceptance, honesty, perseverance, compassion, kindness, and loyalty. Read the stories and use the clues and events to infer the themes.

1. Katie Clean invited Messy Missy to her house to work on their biology project, but Katie Clean had no idea what a visit from Messy Missy entailed. First of all, it was raining and Messy Missy neither bothered to take her boots off nor thoroughly wiped them on the doormat. Then Messy Missy ate a bag of hot chips on Katie Clean's white bedspread without asking, and Messy Missy is a sloppy eater, so hot chip powder got all over the bedspread. Katie Clean tried to be polite and ignore Messy Missy's sloppy behavior, but then Messy Missy threw her chip wrapper on the floor. Offended, Katie Clean pretended that she was sick and asked Messy Missy to leave. The next day Katie Clean asked the teacher if she could work by herself. After explaining her situation, the teacher allowed Katie to work alone. Messy Missy would have finished the assignment by herself, but she spilled grape soda all over her assignment.

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2. In his sophomore year of high school, Michael Jordan tried out for the varsity basketball team at Laney High School in Wilmington, North Carolina. But at five feet and eleven inches tall, the coach believed that Jordan was too short to play at that level, so Jordan was cut from the team. Jordan didn't let this obstacle defeat him. In fact, it pushed him to work even harder. He trained vigorously and grew another four inches the following summer. When he finally made the varsity squad, Jordan averaged 25 points a game and went on to become one of the greatest basketball players in history.

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