



# KS3 English Language Fiction Writing

## Character Types Reference Mat

Writing a story? Use these character types to help you plan.

Character type	Function	Example
<b>Hero</b>	Leads the narrative and is often on a quest to find, do or solve something. Does not have to be male.	Luke Skywalker (Star Wars), Moana, Spiderman.
<b>Villain</b>	Comes into conflict with the hero and tries to thwart his quest.	Thanos (Avengers series), Moriarty (Sherlock Holmes stories), Lord Voldemort (Harry Potter books).
<b>Heroine</b>	Usually a prize or a reward for the hero. Does not have to be female.	Sleeping Beauty, Ginny Weasley (Harry Potter books), Lois Lane (Superman films).
<b>Dispatcher</b>	This is the person who sends the hero off on his quest, either deliberately, or by showing them that something is needed.	Dumbledore (Harry Potter books), Gandalf (The Lord of The Rings), Skellig.
<b>Helper</b>	Someone who helps the hero when they are stuck. This could be a sidekick or friend.	Doctor Watson (Sherlock Holmes stories), Samwise Gamgee (The Lord of The Rings), Peeta Mellark (The Hunger Games trilogy).
<b>Donor</b>	The character who helps the hero by giving them something – either an object or powers or self-realisation.	Yoda (Star Wars), The Fairy Godmother (Cinderella), Haymitch (The Hunger Games trilogy).
<b>False Hero</b>	A character who tries to take credit for the hero's actions.	The Ugly Sisters (Cinderella), Scar (The Lion King), Prince Charming (Shrek 2).