

What's in a name?

Have you ever wondered how author's choose names for their characters? There is more to it than just picking a name that they like. Often the name they choose mirrors the personality and appearance of the character.

For example, how easily could you draw these characters using just their name as a clue about what sort of character they are?

Captain Hook

Miss Honey

Supertato

Activity 1:

Read my description of a story book character. Draw a picture of the character using the name as well as the description to help you decide what sort of character you think this is.

Thumberlina	Miss Trunchball
Thumberlina may be small, but her heart is big.	A formidable head teacher who frightens the life out of pupils and teachers alike.

Activity 2:

Your turn - Create some story character names and write a brief description of your characters.

These will be uploaded onto the school website ([English | Great Hockham Primary School and Nursery](#)) so the other children can draw your characters, and you can draw other children's characters.

Share your drawings with me (owl1@hockham.set.education) so they can be uploaded too by Friday 11th February.

Next time you write a story take time to choose the perfect name for your characters.

