

# Character Voice Questionnaire



Pick a character and use the following questions to develop their unique voice and communication style.

## 1. How do people speak where this character grew up?

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## 2. How is their personality reflected in their speech patterns?

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## 3. How is their internal voice different?

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## 4. What verbal quirks or jargon do they use?

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## 5. What situations change their normal patterns?

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## 6. Map their speech pattern on these scales.

Look for extremes to find distinction.

Polite	Rude
Formal	Informal
Proper	Vulgar
Measured	Impulsive
Open	Evasive
Soft	Booming
Reserved	Chatty
Common	Eccentric
Shy	Outgoing
Hopeful	Pessimistic
Practical	Unrealistic
Silly	Serious
Trusting	Skeptical
Gruff	Silky
Timid	Overconfident
Emotional	Logical
Cautious	Adventurous
Honest	Deceptive
Obliging	Commanding
Curious	Disinterested
Monotone	Animated

## 7. What mannerisms do they express?

- ☐ Tosses hair
- ☐ Twirls or plays with hair
- ☐ Rolls eyes
- ☐ Taps fingers
- ☐ Blinks a lot
- ☐ Bounces feet or legs
- ☐ Scratches a body part
- ☐ Winks
- ☐ Avoids eye contact
- ☐ Snaps fingers
- ☐ Chews fingernails
- ☐ Pinches bridge of nose
- ☐ Strokes chin
- ☐ Runs hand through hair
- ☐ Tugs earlobe
- ☐ Cracks knuckles
- ☐ Gestures while speaking
- ☐ Taps teeth
- ☐ Slouches
- ☐ Paces
- ☐ Fidgets with glasses, jewelry
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