

English Home Learning

Alma

Today you will write a character profile based on one of the other dolls in the Alma video.

You could choose from one of the following:



You could choose a different doll from the video if you wish.

**With your chosen doll in mind,  
think about the following questions:**

- Who is he/she? What is their name?
- What are they doing in the toy shop?
- How did they get there?
- What is their history that led them to the doll shop?
- What are their thoughts and feelings?
- What happens to them next?



# Try to use the following in your writing:

- **Expanded noun phrases** (She had fiery, golden hair that glistened in the shop window)
- **Sensory and emotive language** (The desperate squeaking of the tricycles wheels as he frantically pedalled pierced the deathly silence of the shop).
- **Show not tell sentences** (Mouth dry, she tried to scream for help.)



# Here is my example character profile:



## Basic details:

Amelie (meaning industrious and striving) is a twin to fellow doll Francine.

## Appearance:

Despondent in daylight hours, Amelie hangs from the packed wooden shelf as limply as a dead squirrel swung by one arm. One eye stays closed while the other lazily winks, flashing the scratched blue iris beneath. Roughly trimmed with child's blunt scissors, her hair is an irregular looking mass of thunderous black. Her once pristine black pinafore, that the plastic limbs and head are attached to, have become a faded grey, with a filthy, almost yellow, tatty collar.

## History:

Led astray by her mischievous twin sister, Amelie cautiously followed Francine into the deserted town, weaving through the cobbled streets, desperately pleading with her sibling to head back home. That's when they saw it. It was like a moth to a flame...

Did she seal her fate by writing her name on the wall? Or was she already chosen beforehand like the doll raised by the mechanical clog?

## Thoughts and feelings:

Once imprisoned inside the doll's body, Amelie's thoughts of despair quickly turn to a means of escape. Having been a reluctant occupant of the doll shop for three months, she obeys the wicked toy shop owners rules by day, but at night secretly plans her imminent escape from his evil clutches...

## Predictions for character:

Every morning, as the village clock tower bell rings, the toy shop owner appears, armed with tools to fix his precious dolls. However, Amelie has noticed that the owner is a forgetful fool, who almost always has to return to his workshop to collect something, leaving his set of keys perched on the scratched wooden table. This might be her only chance. If only she can climb down of the rickety shelf at the speed of light, without making a single sound. This is it. Her only chance of escape. Freedom. But can she leave her twin behind?

**Now it's your turn! Remember expanded noun phrases, emotive and sensory language and show not tell sentences.**

**Basic details (name etc):**

**Appearance:**

**History (how did they arrive at the doll shop):**

**Thoughts and feelings (what are their thoughts as they see Alma enter the shop?):**

**Predictions for character (what happens next):**

