Character Traits in Fairy Tales   Answers

Character traits are words used to describe a character. Readers can use words in the text to help them learn more about the character.

- Adjective - a word that describes a noun.   (Example: young)
- Adverb - a word that describes a verb or adjective.   (Example: quickly)
- Verb - a word that describes an action.   (Example: walk)

Directions: Read the passage and choose adjectives, adverbs, and verbs from the text that describe the character. Record them on the chart below.

Hansel, however, had not eaten his bread, and as he walked through the trees, he left a trail of crumbs behind him to mark the way. But the little boy had forgotten about the hungry birds that lived in the forest. When they saw him, they flew along behind and in no time at all, had eaten all the crumbs. Again, with a lame excuse, the woodcutter left his two children by themselves.

"I've left a trail, like last time!" Hansel whispered to Gretel, consolingly. But when night fell, they saw to their horror, that all the crumbs had gone.

"I'm frightened!" wept Gretel bitterly. "I'm cold and hungry and I want to go home!"

"Don't be afraid. I'm here to look after you!" Hansel tried to encourage his sister, but he too shivered when he glimpsed frightening shadows and evil eyes around them in the darkness. All night the two children huddled together for warmth at the foot of a large tree.

Character: Hansel   Possible Student Answers

Adjectives	Adverbs	Verbs
little	consolingly together	forgotten encourage shivered huddled

Directions: Complete the paragraph frame based on the text.

Hansel can be described as _____a little boy_____ because _the text says that the little boy_

_had forgotten that birds live in the forest and would eat the bread crumbs he dropped_____.

He is also _____caring_____ because _____he tried to leave a trail in the forest so they could_____

_find their way home again, and he told his sister he would look out for her_____.