

# Create a Character Outline

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Outlining is a way of organizing writing. It groups major ideas together, then places less important ideas below the major ideas.

*Let's make a character outline based on the following story:*

The club had four members. They were Julie, Chris, Lee and Casey. Julie liked to swim, while Chris liked baseball. Lee preferred basketball and Casey played soccer. They all had favorite foods. Chris and Casey liked chicken, while Julie liked spaghetti and Lee liked shrimp. Julie had one brother, Lee had two sisters, and Chris has one sister. Casey had no brothers or sisters.

The characters of the story are the major ideas of the paragraph. Write the four characters of the story in the blank provided.

I. **Julie** \_\_\_\_\_

II. **Chris** \_\_\_\_\_

III. **Lee** \_\_\_\_\_

IV. **Casey** \_\_\_\_\_

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You have now started your outline. Next, write three things about each character under their name. When you have completed this, you will have an outline of the characters of the story.

I. **Julie** \_\_\_\_\_

A. **swimming** \_\_\_\_\_ B. **spaghetti** \_\_\_\_\_ C. **one brother** \_\_\_\_\_

II. **Chris** \_\_\_\_\_

A. **baseball** \_\_\_\_\_ B. **chicken** \_\_\_\_\_ C. **one sister** \_\_\_\_\_

III. **Lee** \_\_\_\_\_

A. **basketball** \_\_\_\_\_ B. **shrimp** \_\_\_\_\_ C. **two sisters** \_\_\_\_\_

IV. **Casey** \_\_\_\_\_

A. **soccer** \_\_\_\_\_ B. **chicken** \_\_\_\_\_ C. **no brothers or sisters** \_\_\_\_\_