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Read & Compare Character Traits

Directions: Read about the two characters below. Highlight words and phrases that show their external and internal traits. Then, compare them using the double bubble chart on the next page.



Sasha is a 10-year-old girl. She is in fifth grade at Northgate Elementary School. Sasha has short, curly hair and brown eyes.

Sasha has lots of friends at school. She is always very talkative and sometimes it gets her in trouble in class. But she is a smart student and a kind classmate, so she is never in trouble for long. Her teacher understands that she is just being friendly.

Today in class, Sasha's teacher, Ms. Hammond gave a math test. Sasha felt confident that she did well on the test. Math is her favorite subject. She took the test quickly and then started talking to her friend, Gabby. "Shhh!" Ms. Hammond scolded.

After school, Sasha always goes to her parents' restaurant. She tries to be helpful since her parents are very busy. Usually she sweeps the floors and fills ketchup containers. Finally, when it's time for dinner, Sasha gets to pick something from the menu. Her favorite thing to eat at the restaurant is wat with injera, which is a type of stew served with bread.



Anil is a fifth grader at Northgate Elementary. He'll be turning 11 next month. Anil has curly, black hair and hazel eyes.

Anil is very quiet in class, but he enjoys talking with his best friend, Grant, during recess. Some people think that Anil is unfriendly, but Grant knows that he is just shy.

Today Anil took a math text in class. He felt very nervous. Even though he is a smart kid, he doesn't like math very much. He prefers to read and write. In fact, Anil hopes to be an author one day so he can write books of his own.

After school, Anil has piano lessons. He is a very talented musician. Then, he goes home to babysit his little brother and sister. His dad works at night, so Anil has to be helpful around the house. When his mom gets home, he helps make dinner. Tonight they are having kibbeh, which is made from meat, grains, and spices.

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Directions: List three traits Sasha and Anil have in common and three traits that are unique to each character.

