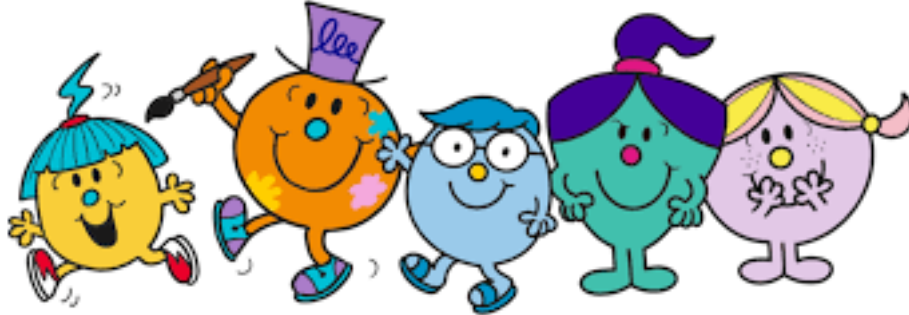


South London Scouts

Character Traits



Character traits are the many aspects of a person's behaviour and attitudes and make-up their personality. Everyone has character traits, both good and bad. Even characters in books have character traits. Character traits are often shown with descriptive adjectives, like patient, unfaithful, or jealous.

Types of character traits

The old expression that actions speak louder than words is very true when it comes to character traits. You learn about who people are and what their character traits are by watching how they interact with the world and paying attention to how they treat you and interact with people.

There are literally countless character traits that you can identify in others, and that you can identify in yourself.

Some character traits have to do with your underlying values or beliefs. Some examples of these types of character traits include:

- Religious
- Honest
- Loyal
- Devoted
- Loving
- Kind
- Sincere
- Ambitious
- Satisfied
- Happy
- Faithful
- Patient
- Determined
- Persistent
- Adventurous
- Homebody
- Considerate
- Cooperative
- Cheerful
- Optimistic
- Pessimistic
- Funny

Some character traits can be bad, and you may not want these traits associated with you. Some examples of these types of character traits include:

- Dishonest
- Disloyal
- Unkind
- Mean
- Rude
- Disrespectful
- Impatient
- Greedy
- Angry
- Pessimistic
- Repugnant
- Cruel
- Unmerciful
- Wicked
- Obnoxious
- Malicious
- Grumpy
- Quarrelsome
- Caustic
- Selfish
- Unforgiving

A leader or person who likes to be in charge may have the following character traits:

- Dominant
- Confident
- Persuasive
- Ambitious
- Bossy
- Resourceful
- Decisive
- Charismatic
- Authoritative
- Enthusiastic
- Bold
- Proactive

Some character traits can be consciously developed, learned or acquired. For example, character traits that you may consciously choose to learn or adopt include:

- Educated
- Informed

Some character traits we associate with children include:

- Playful
- Zany
- Active
- Wild
- Silly
- Affectionate
- Funny
- Rough
- Talkative
- Rowdy
- Smart
- Fidgety
- Shy
- Lively
- Impatient
- Stubborn

Character Traits in Literature and Movies

In storybooks, novels and movies, there are often archetypes of characters. For instance, there might be a romantic hero/heroine, a strong leader or a hero/heroine who needs to be rescued. Often, these characters in books or movies have certain classic traits that help you to identify what role they play in the story.

For example, some character traits that can be used to describe a heroic main character include:

- Dauntless
- Strong
- Courageous
- Reliable
- Fearless
- Daring
- Tough
- Brave

If a story character is a romantic interest, they may have the following traits:

- Charming
- Loving
- Affectionate
- Lovestruck
- Charismatic

When describing a villain, or the story's antagonist, it would be common to use these kinds of character traits:

- Ugly
- Evil
- Cunning
- Deceptive
- Murderous
- Psychotic

As you can see, there are literally hundreds of character traits that will add depth and dimension to any characters. You simply need to observe people in different settings to get a general idea of how certain people behave. This can help you to recognize positive or negative character traits.

Everybody has weaknesses as well as strengths and everyone tries the best they can (well, most of the time!)

Pick one of your many qualities, even a not-so-good one. Remember that the quality you pick is just one of many, and can even be changed if you want, it does not define you or limit you. It's just part of what makes you special.

Now, if you had to pick a Mr Men or little Miss character that you thought was most like you, which one would you choose?

Mr and Little Miss Chatterbox talk more than a lot, and Mr. Noisy talks loudly. Mr. Quiet lives in Loudland but likes the quiet life. Little Miss Bossy loves to tell everyone what to do while Little Miss Stubborn hates being told what to do.

Mr. Good is good, but he lives in Badland. Mr. Mischief, Little Miss Bad, Little Miss Naughty, and Little Miss Trouble are always up to no good and like to play tricks and practical jokes on people. Little Miss Scary loves to scare people more than anything else in the world. Mr. and Little Miss Greedy always want more than their fair share, while Mr. Nosey is always snooping around in other people's business.

Mr. Happy is very happy; Little Miss Fun is happy as a lark; and Mr. Cheerful always wakes up in a cheerful mood. Little Miss Sunshine brings laughter and cheer to all, as does Mr. Funny, who loves to cheer everyone up with his jokes and humour. Mr. Tickle enjoys tickling everyone he meets. Little Miss Giggles can't stop giggling.

On the other hand, Mr. Grumble is always complaining; Mr. Grumpy has a shockingly bad temper; and Mr. Mean and Mr. Rude are unkind and insulting to everybody. Mr. Uppity and Little Miss Splendid think they are better than everyone else. Mr. Perfect believes he is . . . well, perfect.

Little Miss Brainy knows an awful lot of things. Mr. Clever thinks he knows everything, and Little Miss Curious wants to know everything. Little Miss Wise is very sensible, but Mr. Nonsense, Mr. Silly, and Little Miss Dotty are not! Mr. Dizzy is not very clever, either. Poor Mr. Muddle can never get anything right; Mr. Wrong does everything the wrong way; and Mr. Topsy Turvy does everything the wrong way around. Little Miss Scatterbrain and Mr. Forgetful have terrible memories. And then there's Little Miss Contrary, always saying the opposite of what she means.


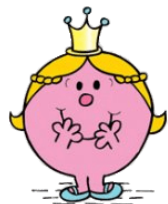






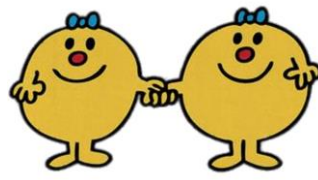






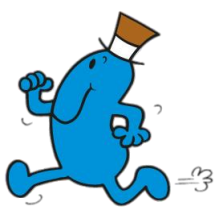
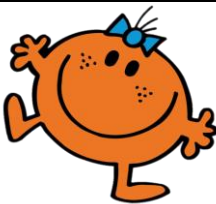






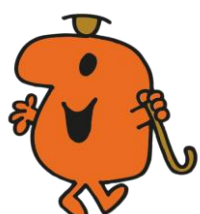




Mr. Cool is popular, and Little Miss Star wants to be. Mr. Impossible can do the most amazing things, and Little Miss Magic can do powerful magic. Mr. Nervous, Mr. Worry, and Mr. Jelly are nervous, worried, and afraid about everything, but Mr. and Little Miss Brave are courageous.

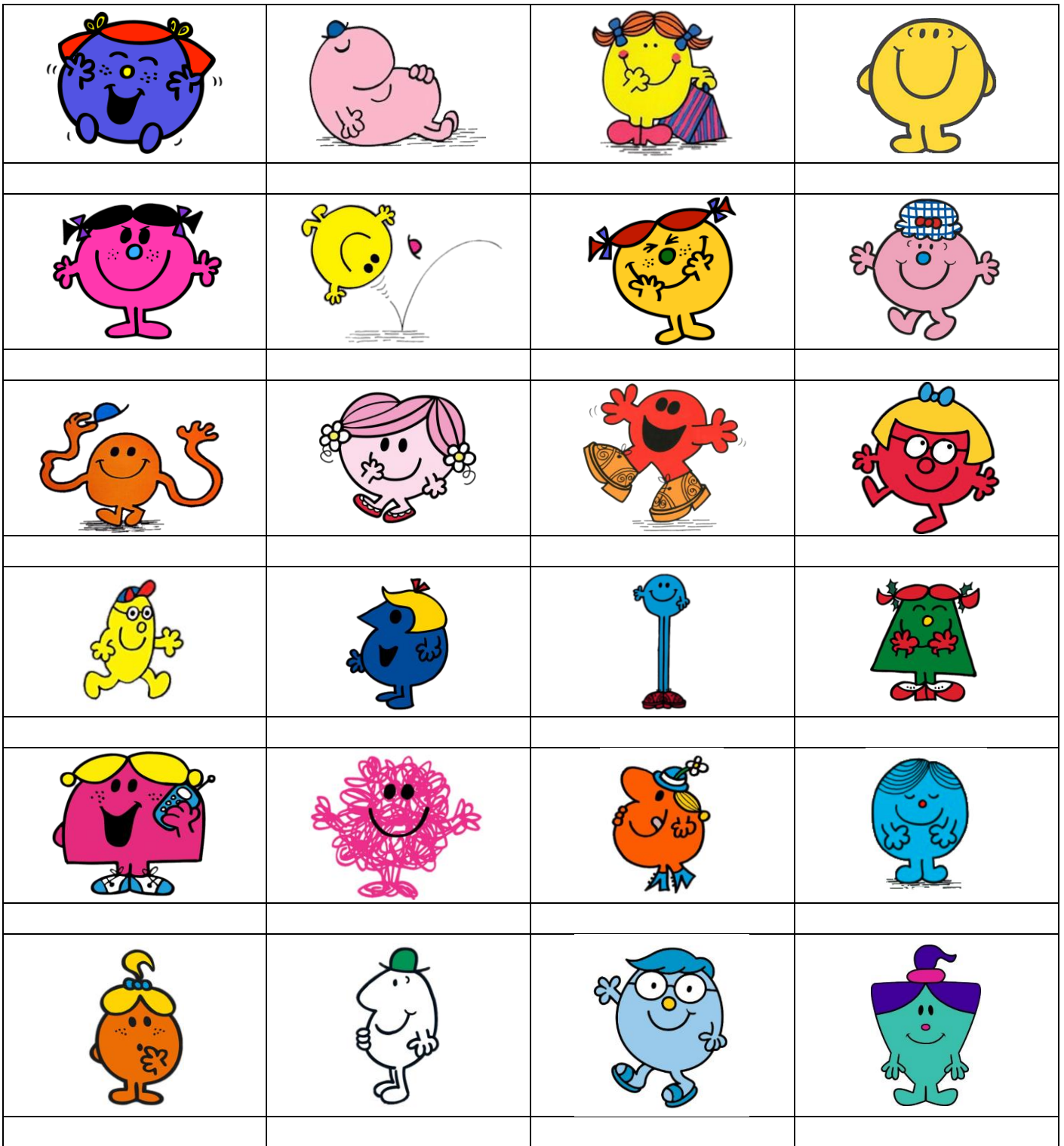
Little Miss Quick and Mr. Rush are always in a hurry, and Mr. and Little Miss Busy always have so much to do. Little Miss Late is never on time. Mr. Slow is slow at everything; Little Miss Fickle can never make up her mind; and Mr. Lazy is the laziest person in the world. Little Miss Helpful tries to help everyone (but ends up making things worse).

Little Miss Neat and Little Miss Tidy keep things neat and clean and in their correct places. Mr. Fussy spends all his time fussing over everything. But Mr. Messy is always making a mess.



Can you pick out the main character traits of these familiar Mr Men and Little Miss? For clues visit www.mrmen.com/pages/characters



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You are never too young to know how brilliant you can become.

The Mr. Men and Little Miss are all different. Celebrates those differences and whether you're SMALL or TALL, NOISY or QUIET, SHY or SILLY, you can achieve amazing things by believing in yourself. You will always have the power to surprise people, just like the Mr Men and Little Miss who are so much more than their names.

No one can define how big you dream or how far you go.