

Cinderella

This task is about visual character analysis.

Read the text and look at the image shown below. Then answer the questions that follow.

In the city he had met a woman whose beauty was such that it could only be recognized by a few (particularly those who had lost their glasses). He married the woman straight away in a church that was cold and hard, rather like his new wife's heart. She had two daughters, Elvira and Ermintrude. Elvira was as wicked as Ermintrude was dim, and Ermintrude was very, very dim.



a) According to the text the stepsisters are named Elvira and Ermintrude. They are described as wicked and dim.

Use this information to identify which of the characters in the illustration is Elvira, and which is Ermintrude.

Elvira:

Ermintrude:

b) The list below gives different visual descriptors. For each character, use three of these to explain how you decided which character was which.

Then, give an interpretation for each visual descriptor you chose. Include as much detail as possible.

Hair	Facial features	Bodies	Clothes	Body language
Possible examples: colour, cut, shape.	Possible examples: chins, noses.	Possible examples: shoulders, feet, hands.	Possible examples: accessories, dresses, shoes.	Possible examples: Posture, Actions

i) Elvira

Select a Visual Descriptor:

☐ Hair ☐ Facial features ☐ Bodies ☐ Clothes ☐ Body language

Interpretation:

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ii) Ermintrude

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Interpretation:

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Interpretation:

c) Spatial relationships, or the relationship between characters and/or objects that is shown by physical space, can tell you a lot about characters.

Look at the spatial relationships in the illustration. How do we know, using the spatial relationships, which character is Cinderella?

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