



Little Green Olives

## HOW TO CREATE A CONVINCING CHARACTER

To make the characters in your books as realistic as possible, you need to know everything about them.

How many of the following questions can you answer about each of your characters? Answering the questions in as much detail as possible will help you create a consistent profile or resume for each character.

### Characteristics

What is your character's name?

How old is he/she?

When was he/she born?

What is his/her star sign?

Where was he/she born?

Who are his/her parents?

Who are his/her siblings?

Do they get on together?

What colour hair/eyes/skin does he/she have?

Any interesting or unusual features?

### Residence

Where does he/she live?

Is this a fictitious or real place?

What is the address?

What colour is the front door?

What plants grow in the garden?

What is the neighbourhood like?

Does he/she like living here?

### **Personality**

How would you describe your character's personality?

Is he/she happy/moody/grumpy/tolerant/angry/kind etc?

What does he/she like to wear?

What interests does he/she have?

What is his/her favourite sport/colour/book/game/band/music/film etc?

What makes your character happy/sad/frightened/excited?

Who are your character's favourite friends?

Who are your character's enemies?

What inspires him/her?

What does he/she want to do in life? What are his/her ambitions?

### **What does your character do?**

What skills does he/she have?

Where does he/she work/volunteer/study?

Where does he/she go to school?

What activities does he/she enjoy?

What time does he/she get up in the morning/go to bed at night?