**Lesson 3**  
**Characterization**

**Directions:** Read each of the passages. Circle the answer that tells both the method or methods of characterization (some items might have more than one method) and the inference about a character’s traits.

1. A second after Martin fell from his bike, Esteban began laughing and pointing.
   a. *direct comment:* shows that Martin is sensitive
   b. *character’s actions:* show that Esteban is insensitive
   c. *physical description:* shows that Martin is foolish
   d. *what another character thinks:* shows that Esteban is concerned

2. “Don’t worry about it,” Brandy said to Selma, “pay me back when you can.”
   a. *direct comment:* shows that Brandy is generous
   b. *character’s actions:* show that Brandy is a tattletale
   c. *physical description:* shows that Selma is humble
   d. *what another character thinks:* shows that Brandy is sarcastic

3. “He won’t get away with this again,” Brandon thought. As Chuck swaggered over, chest puffed out, Brandon put up his fists to protect himself.
   a. *direct comment:* shows that Brandon is sensitive
   b. *character’s actions:* show that Chuck is outgoing
   c. *physical description and character’s actions:* show that Chuck is a bully
   d. *what another character thinks:* shows that Brandon is shy

4. Mr. Miekman was skinny and knobby, like a dry bamboo stick. “I’m sorry, Officer, truly sorry,” he squeaked softly, “but, but, where is Elm Street?”
   a. *direct comment:* shows that Mr. Miekman is kind
   b. *character’s actions:* shows that Mr. Miekman is irritable
   c. *physical description and what another character thinks:* show that the officer is irritable
   d. *physical description and character’s speech and actions:* show that Mr. Miekman is meek