

Evaluating Character

Evaluating is the process of making a judgment based on information, standards, or criteria.

You use evaluation when you

- choose which movie you want to see
- decide whether a move is legal according to the rules of a game
- decide whether you want to be friends with someone

What are some other situations where you might use the skill of evaluation?

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Cluster Question: What do I believe?

Directions: When people refer to a person's character, they are referring to that person's willingness to live up to what he or she believes in. For example, a person who *says* she believes in helping others might ride her bicycle past the scene of an accident without stopping because a friend is waiting for her at home. Such a person is more concerned about her own affairs than the needs of others.

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Directions: How do you judge a person's character? First, you need a set of standards against which to compare the person's actions or qualities. Complete the chart on the following screens by writing at least six actions or qualities of people with strong and weak characters.

Use the lists to judge the characters in the selections in this cluster. Feel free to add to your standards list if a character in one of the selections reveals a particularly strong or weak characteristic.

Remember, the best way to see a person's true character is when that person is tested in some way.

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A person with a strong character	A person with a weak character
<i>Thinks of others</i>	<i>Ignores the needs of others</i>

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