Types of Characters
These are the common types of characters we see in literature.

• Round characters
• Flat characters
• Dynamic characters
• Static characters
• Stereotype
Round Characters

- Round characters have various characteristics or traits.
- A round character can change or grow.
- Readers see more than one side of a round character.
Flat Character

• Readers see one side of a flat character.

• Flat characters are usually minor characters and reveal one or two traits.

• Flat characters may be used as a contrast to a major character.
Dynamic Character

Characters who develop and change are not only round characters, but often dynamic.

Scrooge changes from a tight-fisted, greedy unhappy man to one who was generous and loved life.

Gru changes from a villain set on destroying the world to a loving father.
• Static characters are one dimensional—readers see only one side.

• Static characters stay the same and do not develop.

• Readers learn little about this character.

• Static characters are flat characters.
Stereotypes

• Characters that are stereotyped share the same traits. (Example: All cheerleaders smile OR all bullies are big people)

• These characters are known by what they do and how they act.

• The author doesn’t need to tell us much about the character because we’ve encountered the stereotype before and can make some inferences.
The Protagonist is central to the action of a story and moves against the antagonist.
The antagonist is the villain or a force which opposes the protagonist.
Can you figure out what kind of character these are?
Meet Megamind!

- His nemesis is Metro Man (the city’s big hero and defender)
- He wants to ruin Metro City and defeat Metro Man.
- He falls in love with Roxanne.
- He stops Tighten from destroying Metro City.
- He becomes the new hero of Metro City.

A) Flat Character  
B) Static Character  
C) Stereotype  
D) Dynamic Character
Dynamic Character!
Meet Mother Gothel

- Gothel kidnaps baby Rapunzel so she can use her magic hair to stay young.
- Gothel keeps the truth from Rapunzel about her real parents.
- Gothel won’t let Rapunzel out of the tower.
- Gothel stabs Flynn, the man Rapunzel loves.

A) Round Character  
B) Protagonist  
C) Antagonist  
D) Dynamic Character
Antagonist!
Meet Katniss!

• She is strong, independent and able to provide for herself, but can also feel vulnerable.
• She can be snarly but she can also be kind.
• She is tough but gets scared.
• She is smart, but can make mistakes when she’s impulsive.
• She loves her family but finds it hard to open herself to romantic love.

A) Stereotype
B) Flat character
C) Round character
D) Static character
Round Character!
Meet Mrs Weasly!

- She’s a mother to 7 children.
- She washes their clothes and takes care of the house.
- She fusses over her children and wants them safe.
- She’s a great cook.
- She’s proud of her children’s achievements.

A) Flat Character
B) Round Character
C) Dynamic Character
D) Protagonist
Flat Character!
Meet Percy Jackson!

- He’s a hero.
- His friends look up to him.
- He goes on a lot of quests.
- It’s up to him to save the world.
- He has to fight monsters.

A) Antagonist
B) Stereotype
C) Static Character
D) Protagonist
Protagonist!
Meet Snow White!

• She’s sweet and kind.
• She’s good and loving.
• Her Step-mother is cruel to her.
• She helps out some dwarves.
• She almost dies.
• When she awakens, she’s good, sweet, kind and loving.

A) Stereotype
B) Static Character
C) Round Character
D) Dynamic Character
Static Character!
Meet Anakin/Darth Vader

- He was a precocious boy who had the “force” in him.
- He fought with the Jedi’s for good.
- Because of jealousy and fear, he went over to “the Dark Side”
- He sacrifices his own life to save his son’s life.

A) Static Character
B) Stereotype
C) Flat Character
D) Dynamic Character
Dynamic Character!
Good job !!!