



Character Voice Development Worksheet

Name of Character: *Write down the character for whom you're developing the voice.*

Character Background: *Briefly describe the character's background to inform their way of speaking (e.g., cultural background, education, profession).*

Character Traits: *List key personality traits and how they might influence speech (e.g., confident characters might speak directly, while nervous characters might hesitate or ramble).*

Character's Role in Story: *Explain the character's role and how it impacts their dialogue (e.g., a mentor might speak with wisdom, while a comic relief might use humor).*

Speech Patterns and Rhythms: *Analyze the character's speech rhythm (e.g., short, choppy sentences vs. long-winded monologues).*

Favorite Expressions: *Write down any catchphrases, idioms, or colloquialisms the character frequently uses.*

Dialect and Accent: *Note any specific dialect or accent details if applicable (e.g., regional slang, non-native speaker nuances).*

Volume and Tone: *Indicate the character's typical speaking volume and tone (e.g., loud and brash, soft-spoken and gentle).*

Dialogue Tags: *List any specific dialogue tags or action beats that accompany the character's speech (e.g., sighing, laughing, pausing).*

Emotional Expression: *Describe how the character typically expresses emotions through dialogue (e.g., an angry character might use sharp words, a happy character might have a lyrical tone).*

Consistency Check: *Reflect on whether the character's voice has been consistent in your writing so far and note any discrepancies.*

Improvement Ideas: *Write down ideas for making the character's voice more distinct or memorable.*

Practice Exercise: *Rewrite a piece of dialogue from your story, incorporating the character's unique voice elements identified above.*