

LESSON

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RETEACHING WORKSHEET

Character Motivation

COPYMASTER

Review: A character's **motivation** is the reason that he or she acts, feels, and thinks in a certain way. The author may **state** the character's motivation, or the author may **imply** (hint at) it. You can figure out a character's motivation by noticing what the character does, says, or thinks; by observing how the character interacts with other characters; and by considering what you know about human nature.

Directions: Read the boxed item below. **Underline** clues in the text that reveal something about the character or situation. Then, using the clues, **give a reason** for the character's behavior. An example is provided below.

EXAMPLE From the bench on the sidelines, Yvonne looks on enviously as Muriel makes catch after catch on the lacrosse field. After practice, Yvonne secretly tightens the strings of Muriel's stick to make it harder for her to cradle the ball. "That will slow her down," she thinks.

Reason: The underlined clues reveal that Yvonne is not playing; that she wants to play; and that she wants to hurt Muriel's performance. She wants Muriel to do badly so she can take her place.

The eager, young executive volunteers for every assignment, works long hours, and always laughs at the boss's jokes. In his desk drawer he has a copy of the corporate chain of command with future dates penciled in next to various positions

1. The underlined clues reveal that: _____

2. What is the young man's motivation? _____

