

CHARACTERS CREATE STORIES

Characters are the key ingredient to a story, especially in the world of Dungeons & Dragons (D&D for short). In any story, a character’s actions and appearance will intrigue us, evoke feelings, and help us decide if we want to root for the character as they face challenges and solve problems. The same is true with D&D, a roleplaying adventure game where players create their own characters who must accomplish tasks and solve problems together. It’s how the characters interact that determines what happens in the story.



Ready to start your own D&D-inspired adventure?

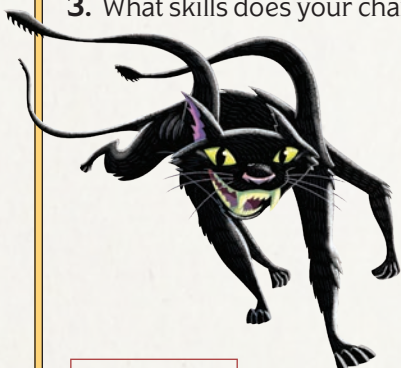
PART 1 What type of character would you like to portray in an adventure story? Use the information in the Character Overview handout to choose a character type and describe your character’s traits below.

1. Circle the character type you want to portray.

cleric fighter paladin rogue wizard

2. Use the space below to describe what your character looks like – clothing, physique, facial features, etc. Then draw a picture of your character on the back of this sheet.

3. What skills does your character have? Select one from each column.



Strength	Dexterity	Intelligence	Wisdom	Charisma
Athletics	Acrobatics Sleight of hand Stealth	Arcana (spells) History Investigation Nature Religion	Animal handling Insight Medicine Perception Survival	Deception Intimidation Performance Persuasion

PART 2 Now you’re ready to create a character profile. Complete the chart below to bring your character to life.

Epic Name	
Distinguishing Feature	
Positive Trait	
Skills	
Greatest Strength	
Main Weakness	
Personal Ideal or Goal	

Use a separate sheet of paper to write a brief backstory for your character. Once that’s done, you’ll be ready for action!

FAMILIES, check out Dungeons & Dragons for a game night adventure. Learn more at playdnd.com.



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