

# Describe a Character

A **character description** makes a person or story character come alive for the reader. It vividly describes the person's actions and character traits.

## A Dad as Good as Gold

Topic sentence  
“sets up” three  
character traits.

Pa in *Boom Town* is a great dad in many ways. He is happy, although his life is not easy. He is trying to find gold, but he is not having any luck. Still, Pa enjoys life. He comes home from the gold fields singing and full of hope.

Detail sentences  
tell actions for  
each trait.

Pa is also fun. When Amanda makes a delicious pie, Pa calls her “the queen of the kitchen.” He whirls her around. This encourages Amanda.

Conclusion tells  
writer's feelings  
about the character.

Best of all, Pa is wise. He sees that a baker makes more money than a gold miner does. So he becomes a baker with Amanda. Amanda is lucky to have a dad like Pa!