

Character Voice Brief

Help Me Bring Your Characters to Life

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AUTHOR INFORMATION

Author Name: _____

Book Title: _____

Series Name (if applicable): _____

Genre/Subgenre: _____

Heat Level: ☐ Sweet ☐ Warm ☐ Hot ☐ Scorching

POV Style: ☐ First Person ☐ Third Person ☐ Multiple POV

Today's Date: _____

INSTRUCTIONS

Complete one form for EACH main character (protagonist, love interest, and any other POV characters). For secondary characters who appear frequently, you can complete abbreviated versions.

The more detail you provide, the more authentic and accurate your character voices will be!

CHARACTER 1: BASIC INFORMATION

CHARACTER BASICS

Full Name: _____

Pronunciation: _____

Nickname(s): _____

Age: _____ Gender: _____

Role: ☐ Protagonist ☐ Love Interest ☐ Secondary POV ☐ Other

Occupation: _____

Species/Type (if paranormal): _____

CHARACTER BASICS

Height: ☐ Short ☐ Average ☐ Tall ☐ Very Tall

Build: ☐ Petite ☐ Slender ☐ Athletic ☐ Curvy ☐ Muscular
☐ Stocky ☐ Plus-size

Notable Physical Features: _____

BACKGROUND & UPBRINGING

Where did they grow up? _____

Social class/economic background: _____

Education Level: _____

Cultural Background: _____

Accent or Dialect (if any): _____

PERSONALITY & PSYCHOLOGY

CORE PERSONALITY TRAITS

Rate each trait on a scale of 1-5 (1 = not at all, 5 = extremely)

Confident	1	2	3	4	5
Introverted	1	2	3	4	5
Serious	1	2	3	4	5
Guarded	1	2	3	4	5
Optimistic	1	2	3	4	5
Impulsive	1	2	3	4	5
Dominant	1	2	3	4	5
Playful	1	2	3	4	5
Analytical	1	2	3	4	5
Emotional	1	2	3	4	5

THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE THIS CHARACTER

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

EMOTIONAL STATE

At the beginning of the book, this character is:

- ☐ Happy and content
- ☐ Struggling/wounded
- ☐ Angry or bitter
- ☐ Grieving or sad
- ☐ Anxious or fearful
- ☐ Hopeful but cautious
- ☐ Confident and strong
- ☐ Other: _____

CHARACTER ARC

How does this character change throughout the book?

Beginning: _____

Middle: _____

End: _____

VOICE CHARACTERISTICS

VOCAL QUALITIES

Pitch: ☐ High ☐ Medium-High ☐ Medium ☐ Medium-Low ☐ Low ☐ Deep

Pace: ☐ VeryFast ☐ Fast ☐ Moderate ☐ Slow ☐ Very Slow

Volume: ☐ Soft-spoken ☐ Moderate ☐ Loud ☐ Commanding

Texture: ☐ Smooth ☐ Raspy ☐ Breathy ☐ Crisp ☐ Warm

☐ Other: _____

SPEAKING STYLE

Language Style:

- ☐ Formal and proper
- ☐ Casual and relaxed
- ☐ Street smart/urban
- ☐ Educated/intellectual
- ☐ Simple and direct
- ☐ Poetic/flowery
- ☐ Sarcastic/witty

Sentence Structure:

- ☐ Complete, grammatically correct sentences
- ☐ Fragments and incomplete thoughts
- ☐ Long, complex sentences
- ☐ Short, punchy sentences
- ☐ Run-on

Verbal Habits:

- ☐ Uses filler words (um, uh, like, you know)
- ☐ Speaks in questions (uptalk)
- ☐ Trails off mid-sentence
- ☐ Interrupts others
- ☐ Pauses frequently to think
- ☐ Speaks without thinking

CATCHPHRASES OR VERBAL TICS

Does this character have any repeated phrases, words, or speech patterns?

ACCENT OR DIALECT

Does this character have an accent? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, describe: _____

Strength: ☐ Subtle ☐ Moderate ☐ Strong ☐ Very Strong

Should it be: ☐ Authentic ☐ Softened or clarity ☐ Suggested only

EMOTIONAL VOICE

HOW DOES THIS CHARACTER SOUND WHEN...

Happy/Excited:

Angry Frustrated:

Sad/Heartbroken:

Scared/Anxious:

In Love/Tender:

Aroused/Intimate:

Vulnerable/Open:

ROMANTIC-SPECIFIC ELEMENTS

ROMANTIC ROLE

In the romance, this character is:

- ☐ The pursuer
- ☐ The pursued
- ☐ Equal partnership
- ☐ Reluctant lover
- ☐ Eager/enthusiastic lover
- ☐ Guarded/slow to open up

POWER DYNAMICS

In intimate/romantic situations, this character is:

- ☐ Dominant
- ☐ Submissive
- ☐ Switch/flexible
- ☐ Equal partnership
- ☐ It varies depending on the scene

INTIMATE SCENES

During intimate scenes, this character's voice should be:

- ☐ Breathier/softer
- ☐ Deeper/huskier
- ☐ More vulnerable
- ☐ More confident/commanding
- ☐ Playful/teasing
- ☐ Serious/intense
- ☐ Stay consistent with regular voice
- ☐ Other: _____

CHEMISTRY WITH LOVE INTEREST

The dynamic between this character and their love interest is:

- ☐ Enemies to lovers (tension, banter, conflict)
- ☐ Friends to lovers (comfortable, warm, gradual)
- ☐ Instant attraction (electric, intense, magnetic)
- ☐ Slow burn (hesitant, building, restrained)
- ☐ Fated mates (destined, inevitable, powerful)
- ☐ Other: _____

Describe the chemistry in your own words:

VOICE INSPIRATION & REFERENCES

CELEBRITY VOICE COMPARISONS

This character sounds like (or has qualities similar to):

Celebrity 1: _____

What's similar: _____

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What's similar: _____

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AUDIOBOOK NARRATOR REFERENCES

Have you heard an audiobook narrator who would be perfect for this character?

Character Name: _____

Book/Character: _____

What you loved about their voice: _____

MOVIE/TV CHARACTER REVERENCES

This character reminds me of:

Character Name: _____

Show/Movie: _____

Why: _____

AUDIO SAMPLES

If you have audio clips, YouTube links, or other sound references that capture this character's voice, list them here:

Link 1: _____

Link 2: _____

Link 3: _____

CHARACTER REALTIONSHPIS

HOW DOES THIS CHARACTER SPEAK TO...

Their Love Interest:

Their Best Friend:

Authority Figures:

Enemies/Antagonists:

Strangers:

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

PARANORMAL/FANTASY ELEMENTS

If this is a paranormal character, should their voice reflect their supernatural nature?

- ☐ Yes - sound otherworldly/different from humans
- ☐ Subtle hints only
- ☐ No - sound completely human

Special vocal effects or qualities:

UNIQUE CHALLENGES

Are there any particularly challenging aspects of this character's voice or personality?

ABSOLUTELY MUST HAVE

What is the ONE thing (if any) that MUST be captured in this character's voice?

ABSOLUTELY AVOID

What would be WRONG for this character's voice?

KEY SCENES FOR THIS CHARACTER

List 3-5 key scenes that showcase this character's personality and voice. These will help me understand how to voice them.

SCENE 1:

Chapter: _____ Page: _____

What happens: _____

What's Important: _____

SCENE 2:

Chapter: _____

Page: _____

What happens: _____

What's Important: _____

SCENE 3:

Chapter: _____

Page: _____

What happens: _____

What's Important: _____

ADDITIONAL NOTES

REPEAT THIS FORM FOR EACH MAIN CHARACTER

If you have multiple POV characters or important secondary character, please complete a separate form for each one.

Thank you for taking the time to help me understand your characters! This information is invaluable in creating authentic, memorable voices that bring your story to life.

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