

# CHARACTER VOICE Brief Form



*Help your narrator bring your characters  
to life.*

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# Introduction: How to Use This Form

This form helps you flesh out the perfect vocal type for your characters. From identifying physical and vocal traits to emotional range and relationship dynamics, this she will guide you to ensure consistent, memorable voices across your audiobook or series.

## **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!

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# Author Information

## Author Information

Author Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Book Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Series Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Genre/Sub-genre: \_\_\_\_\_

Heat Level:  Sweet       Warm       Hot       Scorching

POV Style:  First Person     Third Person     Multiple POV

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# 02

# Character: Basic Information

## Character Basics

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Pronunciation: \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Role:  Protagonist  Love Interest  Secondary POV  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Species/Type (if paranormal/fantasy): \_\_\_\_\_

## Physical Traits

Height:  Short  Average  Tall  Very Tall

Build:  Petite       Slender       Athletic       Curvy  
 Muscular       Stocky       Plus-size

Notable Physical Features: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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## Background & Upbringing

Where did they grow up? \_\_\_\_\_

Social Class/economic background: \_\_\_\_\_

Education: \_\_\_\_\_

Cultural background: \_\_\_\_\_

## Notes/Further Details

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# 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:

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Middle:

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End:

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# Notes/Further Details

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# Voice Characteristics

## Vocal Qualities

- Pitch:  High  Med-High  Medium  Med-Low  
 Low  Deep
- Texture:  Smooth  Rough  Silky  Husky  
 Breathy  Crisp
- Tone:  Warm  Cool  Rich  Light  Deep  
 Bright
- Energy:  Melodic  Passionate  Dynamic  Controlled  
 Animated  Measured
- Pace:  Very Quick/Rapid  Quick/Energetic  
 Moderate/Normal.  Slow/Thoughtful  
 Very Slow/Deliberate  Varies by emotion
- Volume:  Very Soft-Spoken  Soft/Gentle  
 Normal Volume  Naturally Louder  
 Commanding  Varies Dramatically

- Articulation     Very Precise/Quick     Clear/Professional  
Style:             Casual/Relaxed             Sometimes Mumbled  
                       Dramatic/Theatrical.     Varies by situation

## 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
- Pauses frequently to think
- Speaks without thinking

## Catchphrases or Verbal Tic

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

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## 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 for Clarity

Suggested only

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# Emotional Voices

How Does This Character Sound When...

Confident/Professional:

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Happy/Excited:

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Angry/Frustrated:

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Sad/Heartbroken:

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Scared/Anxious:

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In Love/Tender:

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Aroused/Intimate:

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Vulnerable/Open:

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# 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

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## 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:

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# Voice Inspiratoin & References

## Celebrity Voice Comparisons

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

Celebrity 1: \_\_\_\_\_

What's similar: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Audiobook Narrator References

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

Narrator Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Book Character: \_\_\_\_\_

What you loved about their voice: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Movie/TV Character References

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: \_\_\_\_\_

# Notes/Further Details

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# Character Relationships

How does this character speak to...

Their Love Interest:

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Their Best Friend:

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Authority Figures :

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Enemies/Antagonists:

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Family:

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# 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 effect or qualities:

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## Unique Challenges

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

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## Absolutely Must Have

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

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## Absolutely Avoice

What would be WRONG for this character's voice?

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## Most Important Voice Element

What's the most important thing about this character's voice? What would make you completely satisfied?

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## Key Scenes For This Character

List 3-5 key 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 1:

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Page: \_\_\_\_\_

What happens: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

What's important: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

# Additional Notes

REPEAT THIS FORM FOR EACH MAIN CHARACTER

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

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

## Need Help or Have Questions?

Don't stress! I'm here to guide you through every step. Just email me or fill out the contact form and I'll do my best to assist you as you progress forward.

Same goes for any questions you may have. Just email or use the contact form and I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

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