

French Charlie – character description

In Chapter 27 we meet French Charlie. Michael Morpurgo provides us with lots of information about him. Some is stated explicitly (told to us directly) and some is inferred (something which you can deduce from something in the text).

Try and find as much evidence about French Charlie as you can. I have given 2 examples below, one which is told to us explicitly and one which is inferred. See how many you can find – make sure you provide evidence from the text and say whether it is explicit or inferred (see my examples below).

| | Fact | Quote from the text which provides evidence |
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| 1. | He was a good rider | 'rode his horse as if it was part of him' (inferred) |
| 2. | He was a young man | 'he was a young man' (explicit) |

Now imagine you are Michael Morpurgo and try to write some text for *Twist of Gold* which describes the Colonel. I have given you three facts about the Colonel. Try and write one sentence which gives the fact explicitly to the reader and then one sentence which infers this to the reader.

| | Fact | Your text |
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| 1. | He was old | Explicit |
| | | Inferred |
| 2. | He was confident | Explicit |
| | | Inferred |
| 3. | He was respected by the other people in the wagon train | Explicit |
| | | Inferred |