Characters

The topic for the English day this term is *Characters*. The word *character* has many meanings, but here it means a person that you have read about in a text. All the texts that you will read for preparation have one or more interesting characters.

Texts to read from Enter 8 chapters 1–3

- *First Day,* page 10

- *I Wasn't Asleep …,* page 12–14

- *I Don't Want to Sit Next to Alex!* page 20–21

- *What makes a Hero?* page 38–41

- *Summer and August,* page 42–46

- *Who was Robin Hood?* page 56–58

- *The Race for the South Pole,* page 60–64

- *Fashion in Britain,* page 96–99

- *Treasure Island,* page 100–103

Learning objectives

- Create, communicate and talk about texts inspired by English literature.

- Choose and use different speaking and writing strategies that are suitable for the purpose.

- Introduce, maintain and terminate a conversation.

- Write a text with a clear structure.

- Comment on your own work in learning English.

Prepare your speaking with Basic Skills

- Spontaneous Speech, page 135

- Express your opinion, page 136–137

- When you don't know how to say it, page 138

- Tips on the day, page 144

Prepare your writing with Basic Skills

- How to begin your story, page 86

- How to end your story, page 87

- Create cool characters, page 88–89

- Descriptions, page 90–92

- Plan your fictional text, page 101

- Diary, page 102

Tasks to prepare for

A Speaking

You will work in a group. You will be asked to talk to each other about one or more of the texts that you have read on the preparation day.

B Writing

You are going to write a text inspired by the texts in the preparation material. This means that you will not use the texts directly, but use ideas from them to create your own text.

To prepare for both speaking and writing you should read the texts carefully, and then take notes. For example:

- You can make a mind map for the different characters, with information about what they look like, how they speak, how they behave, and so on.

- You can note down how the author describes the character.

- You can imagine how the character would act in different situations.