

Understanding Brothers

How do you describe brothers Linus and Thaddeus? The story doesn't give a list of words to fit each character. So you note what each character says, does, and thinks, and make *inferences* based on his behavior and how others react to him. In this activity, you will consider the words and actions of Linus and Thaddeus, and write descriptions based on your inferences.

Directions: See how well you can describe Linus and Thaddeus from the story "The Poisonous Duck."

1. List words and phrases to describe the characters of Linus on the left, and Thaddeus on the right.

Linus

Thaddeus

2. Choose two descriptions from your list for each character and plug them into the sentences below. For each one, provide two supporting examples from the story.

I think Linus was _____ because _____

I think Linus was _____ because _____

I think Thaddeus was _____ because _____

I think Thaddeus was _____ because _____

