

# Identifying Types of Conflict

Directions: Read each description below. Determine the protagonist (main character) and antagonist (opposing force) in each situation.

Then describe the type of conflict in each passage:

character vs character,      character vs nature,      character vs character,  
character vs society,      character vs technology

1. After breaking his mother's favorite vase, Clark struggles to decide whether he should tell his mother the truth or attempt to hide his mistake and blame the family dog.

Protagonist: \_\_\_\_\_ Antagonist: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Conflict: character vs \_\_\_\_\_

2. Kiko is a ninja warrior trained by Master Yoho. When Master Yoho is slain by Shan Bhutan of the Lotus Clan in the most cowardly of fashions, Kiko vows to avenge the death of his master and begins the quest to find and defeat Shan Bhutan. Who will prevail?

Protagonist: \_\_\_\_\_ Antagonist: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Conflict: character vs \_\_\_\_\_

3. It's the year 3030 and society is completely dependent on computers and robots. A young boy named Domino is flying his hovering board to school when all the machines start attacking people due to a powerful computer virus. What will Domino do now that the machines that are supposed to help him have turned against him?

Protagonist: \_\_\_\_\_ Antagonist: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Conflict: character vs \_\_\_\_\_

4. Brian has the best dog in the world. In fact, he has one of the only dogs in the world. That's because dogs are not allowed in Zona because the governors of the land believe that dogs spread diseases. The law states that Brian's dog will be executed if he is caught. Soon Brian learns of a mysterious underground dog owners' club and joins the fight to legalize dogs. Can Brian and his new friends prove to Zona that dogs are safe and friendly?

Protagonist: \_\_\_\_\_ Antagonist: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Conflict: character vs \_\_\_\_\_

5. Janie and Sam are driving home late one night when they take a wrong turn and find themselves lost and out of gas. As the sun comes up, the temperature begins to rise. Soon the car is as hot as a furnace, and they don't have any water. Will Janie and Sam make it home safely?

Protagonist: \_\_\_\_\_ Antagonist: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Conflict: character vs \_\_\_\_\_

6. Kirstin was once teased for being heavy, but then she lost a lot of weight. Now Kirstin is very skinny, but there is just one problem: she still sees an overweight girl when she looks in the mirror. Her friends and family try to convince her of how beautiful she is, but she doesn't believe them. Worse still, she is continuing to diet. Will Kirstin learn to accept the image in the mirror or will she destroy herself?

Protagonist: \_\_\_\_\_ Antagonist: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of conflict: character vs \_\_\_\_\_

7. Everything was going just fine for Mae until yesterday. That was when she found out that her eyes had turned green. In Mae's world people discriminate against those with green eyes. Green-eyed people cannot vote or hold public office and they are often forced to work the worst jobs for the least pay, if they can even find a job. Now that she has green eyes, Mae loses her job, can no longer live with her family in their comfortable home, and is forced to move to Bricktown where all the green-eyes must reside. Will she survive?

Protagonist: \_\_\_\_\_ Antagonist: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Conflict : character vs \_\_\_\_\_

8. Jack Juniper is the best fighter pilot in the Air Force. He can take down an enemy jet while doing a barrel roll. One day while Jack is escorting some friendly pilots to a military base, something that Jack has never seen before attacks the convoy... aliens! Can Jack outmaneuver the highly skilled alien pilots or is the mission doomed to failure?

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Type of Conflict: character vs \_\_\_\_\_