


Round or Flat

Characters are described as being round or flat.

➤ **Round** character:

- Well-developed
- Has many traits, both good and bad
- Not easily defined because we know many details about the character
- Realistic and life-like
- Most major characters are round
- *"The test of a round character is whether it is capable of surprising in a convincing way. If it never surprises, it is flat."* E. M. Forster

- Examples of round characters:

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➤ **Flat** character:

- Not well-developed
- Does not have many traits
- Easily defined in a single sentence because we know little about the character
- Sometimes stereotyped
- Most minor characters are flat

- Examples of round characters:

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