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Text Message Mystery

Skill Focus: Inferring character traits and feelings from how a character speaks (tone, word choice, responses)

Your Mission: You've been given access to a few private **text message conversations** between characters in a story. Your job? Act like a **character detective** and figure out what kind of people they are based only on **what they say and how they say it**.



Text Conversation 1: JAMIE and TYLER

Jamie: Ugh. Did you see our group project grade? 😞

Tyler: Yep. A minus. We're fine.

Jamie: *Fine*? That's practically failing. I KNEW we should've color-coded the slides.

Tyler: It's not that deep, Jamie. Chill.

Jamie: Easy for you to say—you didn't even present!

Tyler: Okay, okay. You're right. Next time I'll take more notes... and maybe bring snacks.

1. What can you tell about Jamie's personality from their messages?

2. What does Tyler's dialogue say about his attitude or traits?

3. How do these two characters seem different in how they handle stress or pressure?

Text Conversation 2: LILA and MRS. GARCIA

Lila: Hi Mrs. Garcia! I'm sorry I didn't turn in the assignment. I started it but then my little brother spilled juice all over my notebook and I had to clean it up and then it was bedtime. 😞

Mrs. Garcia: Thanks for letting me know, Lila. You can bring it tomorrow.

Lila: Thank you!! You're the best!! I'll try to finish it on the bus. Or at lunch. Or maybe during recess if I don't have patrol duty! 🙏

Mrs. Garcia: Just do your best. :)

Your Task:

4. What does Lila's message tell you about her personality or habits?

5. How does she probably feel while texting her teacher? Use clues from the dialogue.

6. What can we tell about Mrs. Garcia just from her short replies?