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Character Trait Matching

Mini-Story: "The Lost Backpack"

It was the last bell of the day when Ms. Carter's voice came over the intercom: "Attention: a black backpack has been found near the bike racks. Please come to the office if it's yours."

Three students stood at their lockers.

Jaden looked up from his sketchpad and said, "Oh no... I think that might be mine." He immediately closed his book and jogged toward the office, bumping into people on the way.

Nina raised an eyebrow. "Didn't you leave it next to your bike again? That's the third time this week." She shook her head and carefully zipped her own backpack, checking each pocket.

Marcus glanced over and said, "Wait—was it a black one with a blue patch? I saw someone walking away with it during lunch, but I didn't want to get involved..." He trailed off, looking down at his shoes.

Your Task: Match the **correct character trait** to each character based on their actions and words in the story. Write the letter of the trait next to the character's name.

Character Traits:

A. Cautious **B.** Hesitant **C.** Careless **D.** Observant **E.** Responsible

You may use **more than one trait** per character if it applies. Not all traits will be used.

Characters:

1. Jaden: _____

Why? _____

2. Nina: _____

Why? _____

3. Marcus: _____

Why? _____

