Example 1

Can you think of the one person in your life that is always nice and does not judge anyone? In the short story “Kath and Mouse”, by Janet McNaughton, Kevin is an empathetic, non-judgmental, and sympathetic character. Kevin is an empathetic character. When Helen gets locked outside, he lets her in. The reader can infer that Kevin considers how Helen feels and lets her in instead of laughing. Secondly, Kevin is a very non-judgmental character. Kevin is a friend to Helen when she is being bullied by Kath and supportive to Kath when she loses her popularity. This shows that Kevin does not make judgments because he supports both Kath and Helen in their time of need. Finally, Kevin is sympathetic. When Helen is feeling down because Kath is bulling her, Kevin has sympathy for her. This supports the fact that Kevin shows sympathy for Helen when she is being treated poorly. This shows that Kevin is empathetic, non-judgmental, and sympathetic.

**What do you notice about this paragraph?**

Example 2

Why is everyone so judgmental? Janet McNaughton, the author of “Kath and Mouse” wrote about how Kath is bullying a girl named Helen. Kath’s brother Kevin is trying to stop this from happening. Kath shows in the story that she is sarcastic, disrespectful, and motivated. Kath shows her sarcasm in the story when she comments on Helen’s backpack*. “Right,” Kath said, “It’s so ‘unique’”* (pg. #2). She shows she is sarcastic multiple times by being extremely rude, and just being an overall bully. By treating Helen like that, she is proving that she is also disrespectful. “Sing? No choir at this school.” (pg. #1) She has so much anger and she will work to stay on top. In that, she is motivated. *“She really worked at it, forty-five minutes every day.”* (pg. #1) She is extremely motivated to be the best she can at everything she does. With popularity, her oboe, and even the talent show. In conclusion*, “Keep in mind that people change but the past doesn’t.”*

**What do you notice about this paragraph?**

Example 3

***“Don’t give up, I believe in you all. A person’s a person no matter how small.” – Dr. Seuss.*** In the story “Kath and Mouse,” by Janet McNaughton, Helen is a very brave, insecure and proud character. Helen is a very brave character, for example: *“’What is that Mouse doing at our table?’ Kath spoke loudly, so Helen would know she had already broken one of the most important rules.”* (McNaughton, 1). When Helen sits at Kath’s table, even though everyone knows that is a big no-no, she is challenging Kath, the most powerful girl in the school thus far, and saying, “You could like me.” Contrary to Helen’s bravery, she is also quite insecure*. “Helen ducked her head like she’d been hit, ‘I don’t know…’”* (McNaughton, 2) Helen seemed scared to say her backpack was a hand-me-down, because it was different and Kath was making fun of it. Most importantly, Helen is proud of herself*. “Halfway through the song, she stood up, walked to the end of the stage, and sand to the audience like shed been there every day of her life”* (McNaughton, 5). She becomes proud of herself and her voice, so gets up and lets her voice and personality explode, showing she is not scared anymore. It is deeper in meaning than it is dressed up to be really. In conclusion, Helen is very brave, insecure, and proud character.

**What do you notice about this paragraph?**