Character Profile

Part A

Gather evidence from the text to help you fill in this character profile about Ivan.

Name:

Family:

Lives:

Age:

Appearance:

Personality:

Strengths:

Weaknesses:

Likes:

Dislikes:

Things he might be heard saying:

Proudest moment:

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Part B

Complete these sentences to make a judgement about the characters and explain what evidence you have used from the text.

E.g. I think the tsar is a **loud person** because **he 'bellowed' when he found out the apples were missing. He also wailed 'in disbelief' when he found Dmitry asleep and that more apples had been taken.**

I also think the tsar is _____ because _____

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I would describe Dmitry as being _____ because _____

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Vasily seems to be a _____ character because _____

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Ivan is _____ because _____

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I also think Ivan is _____ because _____

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I think the wolf is _____ because _____

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I also think the wolf is _____ because _____

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Challenge Task

Choose a character from the book and write a detailed description of that character, using evidence from the text.

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Character Profile **Answers**

Part A

Name: *Ivan (Prince Ivan)*

Family: *His family members are his father (the tsar) and his two older brothers called Dmitry and Vasily.*

Lives: *He lives in his father's kingdom. This is a Russian folk tale so we think it is in Russia.*

Age: *He is younger than his brothers but not a very young child because he stays up all night and has the strength to hold the firebird for a while. Maybe he is 17 or 18. He is still quite immature as he is sulky when his father doesn't give him his own way.*

Appearance: *The text does not give us information about this, other than to say he is young. He seems quite fit as he can ride a horse and he jumps on the back of the wolf and manages to stay on when the wolf travels at high speed. He also clambers 'nimbly' over the wall. He is a prince so he probably wears fine clothes.*

Personality: *He's enthusiastic and keen for new experiences shown by how he wants a chance to catch the thief. He is determined and self-disciplined because he stayed awake and tried his best to hold onto the firebird. He is not always honest because he sneaked away without permission. He is brave because he did not turn around when he saw the warning sign in the forest and he did not show his fear when the wolf ate his horse. He does not listen to instructions because he touched the golden cage even though the wolf said not to do so. He is impulsive because he jumps on the wolf's back without considering the dangers.*

Strengths: *He is strong in body and mind. He is determined and full of life (as explained above.)*

Weaknesses: *He is impulsive and doesn't listen to instructions (as explained above.)*

Likes: *adventure, pleasing his father, to be challenged.*

Dislikes: *being treated differently to his brothers, dark forests.*

Things he might be heard saying: *"Let me try, Father." "I will catch the firebird."*

Proudest moment: *Staying awake to see the thief where his brothers failed.*

Part B

I also think the tsar is *unfair* because *he doesn't let Ivan have a turn to catch the firebird. He calls him 'young and foolish' but there is no evidence to suggest that Ivan is foolish.*

I would describe Dmitry as being *greedy* because *he just seems motivated by gaining half of his father's kingdom rather than keen to help his father.*

Vasily seems to be a *calm and fulfilled* character because *it says although he enjoys his comfortable life-style, he is not greedy for more wealth. It says that he is a dreamer and enjoys music.*

Ivan is *determined* because *he went on night watch even without his father's permission and he held on tightly to the firebird's tail when it was trying to escape.*

I also think Ivan is *clever* because *he found a good way of staying awake, by making himself uncomfortable in the tree.*

I think the wolf is *friendly* because *although he ate Ivan's horse, he apologised and agreed to help Ivan.*

I also think the wolf is *knowledgeable* because *he knew where to find the firebird and that the cage was alarmed.*

Challenge Task

Example answer:

Dmitry is the oldest of three sons. He is a prince, son of Tsar Vislav. We know that he is greedy and hungry for power because he jumped at the chance to win half of his father's kingdom. Dmitry is probably lazy because we are told that he has 'little motivation to do anything other than drink fine wines and play cards with his friends.' The tsar does not have much faith that Dmitry will succeed in catching the firebird because of this. Dmitry is disrespectful because of the way he sniggers at Erik the gardener. He does not believe in the firebird at the start. Dmitry has little resilience as he fails to stay awake for long. He is easily bored. He spends his time partying as he was tired on night watch from partying the previous evening. Dmitry is jealous of Ivan when he manages to stay awake and he is determined to catch the firebird. As well as the prize, he wants to do this to make his father proud.