



Day 1.

Describe a character in 50 words.

Tips: often people describe a character the way a witness describes a criminal to a policeman. 'She was about 5 ft 5 with blonde hair and an eye patch'. This is fine. But it is worth asking yourself, 'how do I see people for the first time?'

A couple of alternative ways of thinking about are:

- a) What stand out characteristic are you drawn to? I am interested in the way people carry themselves for example. Others are drawn to incongruence (those shoes don't look like you chose them?) Or body posture or hair...
- b) What emotion does the character appear to be experiencing or make you feel? Do they seem shy? Overbearing? Worried? Preoccupied? Now... what do those feelings look like?

Not had enough yet? Good. 200 words:

Let's put the character into the world. Here are some settings for them, feel free to run with one or if you prefer to make up your own go for it. Remember we get to know a character by seeing or hearing what they see or hear in the world, how it makes them feel, how they speak, react etc

1. On the way to a first date.
2. Sitting on a bench by the sea people watching
3. Watching a couple argue at a bus stop
4. Receiving bad news.