

Types of Characters and Character Traits

Directions: Read the passage. Then answer the questions below.

Will lifted Smoky out of the car and carried him into the veterinarian's waiting room. Will was surprised at how light the cat was. Will didn't especially like Smoky. He was a grumpy cat, who disliked all humans except for Will's twelve-year-old daughter. For her sake, Will told himself, and for no other reason, he worried about Smoky.

The vet put Smoky on a metal table. Will wondered if it felt as cold as it looked and then felt foolish for worrying about a cat's feelings. He was not a sentimental man; he told himself that cats can get used to anything. The vet said that Smoky had lost too much weight, but that medication would improve his condition. He looked at Will. "I can see Smoky means a lot to you, and I promise—he'll be fine." Will was uncomfortable that anyone should think the cat meant much to him. "Good. I'll tell my daughter. It's really her cat. Thanks." He picked Smoky up very gently and carried him to the car. "OK, Smoky," he said. He didn't understand why he felt so relieved.

1. How do you think Will really feels about Smoky? On what do you base your answer? _____
2. Were you surprised by Will's treatment of Smoky at the very end? Explain. _____

3. On a scale of **1 to 6**, with **6** being very caring and **1** being very unfeeling, what rating would you give Will? **Write a number.** _____
Defend your rating with reasons and details from the passage. _____

4. On a scale of **1 to 6**, with **6** being that Will knows himself well and **1** being that he does not know himself, what rating would you give Will? **Circle a number.**

Knows Self Well

6 5 4 3 2 1

Does not Know Self

Why did you choose that number? Support your rating. _____
