



# Character Review

## Teachers Notes

Name	Character description (include any disability and personal qualities of the character)	What are your feelings about this character?
Nemo	<p>Nemo is a clown fish and has a small right fin (his 'lucky fin!' – physical disability). He was the only surviving fish out of 400 fish eggs after a Barracuda attack. He is the only son of Marlin, his overprotective father. Nemo feels frustrated when his father prevents him from taking any risks. Nemo wants his father to recognise his abilities and give him more freedom to make choices. Nemo gets caught in a fish net by a dentist and is put in a tank with other sea creatures in the dentist's office in Sydney. With the help of his tank friends, Nemo plans to escape the tank and reunite with his father.</p>	<p>I feel that Nemo is very brave and does not let his 'lucky fin' stop him from doing anything. I admire the way he takes risks and cares about his friends.</p>
Marlin	<p>Marlin is Nemo's father and is a clownfish. Marlin is worried all the time about the dangers lurking in the ocean and is overprotective of Nemo. He has a phobia about the 'drop off' (the continental shelf) and tries to stop Nemo participating in any activity that may be risky. Marlin worries about Nemo's swimming ability but also doubts his son's general capabilities. Marlin is very dedicated to finding his son, and never gives up. Marlin becomes more confident with Nemo and recognises his abilities once they are reunited.</p>	<p>I feel Marlin is a dedicated father who is very determined to do whatever he can to protect Nemo. Sometimes, Marlin is intolerant, especially when he is with Dory. I think it's great how Marlin finally becomes proud of his son, recognises his abilities and gives him a lot more freedom to make choices for himself.</p>
Dory	<p>Dory is a naive but good-hearted and optimistic Regal Tang with short term memory loss (Anterograde amnesia). Dory's optimism and her free spirit help Marlin throughout his journey. She loves singing which usually gets on Marlin's nerves. Dory has specialised skills – reading, and talking whale! Dory loves making new friends, and brings out Marlin's inner spirit and makes him see the fun side of life. Dory just want to be taken seriously and respected for her abilities.</p>	<p>I feel Dory is really funny and carefree! Dory is straightforward and has a willingness to interact with the world. Dory has a significant disability which is overshadowed by her resilience and enjoyment of life. She makes troubles seem solvable. Dory makes me feel good, as she has a sunny point of view over everything in life.</p>
Others	<p><b>Tank fish:</b> Gill - has a torn fin, Bubbles - obsessed with bubbles, Deb - routinely misrecognizes herself in reflection from the tank wall as an imaginary twin sister, Flo. Gurgle - obsessed with germ free cleanliness, Peach – Starfish Bloat - Puffer Fish, Jacques –obsessive cleaner prawn.</p> <p><b>Sharks:</b> Bruce, Anchor and Chum – holding 12 step meetings to help them on their fish free diet</p> <p><b>Sea turtles:</b> Crush and squirt – Crush hardly suffers from his age of 150 years and speaks in a youthful manner</p> <p><b>Mr Ray:</b> Teacher of the diverse reef community who encourages his students to be explorers.</p> <p><b>Seahorse:</b> Nemo's friend who is H2O intolerant</p> <p><b>Darla:</b> Dentist's niece who is 'fish killer!'</p>	<p><b>Pick 2 of the characters in this list and describe your feelings about these characters.</b></p>