

Exercise walk-through

Nuances in characters' relationships ■ 4.3

eXercise

You must be able to

- state where conflict among characters often arises from
- distinguish a value conflict from a disagreement
- explain why this makes the conflict hard to resolve
- find the value beneath a quarrel

Method — The source

Conflict among characters often arises from tensions generated by their different value systems. Not from a misunderstanding, and not from malice.

Method — Value and disagreement

A disagreement is about a fact and can be settled by evidence. A value conflict is about what matters, and evidence does not settle it.

Method — Why hard

Both parties can be entirely reasonable and still be opposed. That is what makes a value conflict dramatic rather than merely awkward.

Method — Finding the value

Ask what each character would have to give up to agree. The answer names the value, and the answer is the analysis.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

State where conflict among characters often arises from.

Solution 2.1

Method: The source

Worked steps

tensions generated by their different value systems **B2**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

Distinguish a value conflict from a disagreement.

Solution 2.2

Method: Value and disagreement

Worked steps

a disagreement is about a fact and is settled by evidence **B1**; a value conflict is about what matters and evidence does not settle it **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 2 marks

A value conflict is hard to resolve.

(a) Explain why.

(b) State the question that finds the value.

Solution 2.3

Method: Why hard

Worked steps

(a) both parties can be reasonable and still opposed **B1**, so no fact will resolve it **B1**. (b) ask what each would have to give up to agree **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

Conflict among characters often arises from tensions generated by their different

A value systems

B ages

C accents

D occupations

Solution 3.1

Method: The source

A value systems



B ages

C accents

D occupations

Worked steps

A. value systems.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

A disagreement about a fact can be settled by

- A** evidence
- B** nothing
- C** violence only
- D** the narrator

Solution 3.2

Method: Value and disagreement

A evidence



B nothing

C violence only

D the narrator

Worked steps

A. evidence.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

Two characters quarrel and both are reasonable.

- (a) State what this indicates.
- (b) Explain how to identify the values involved.

Solution 3.3

Method: Why hard

Worked steps

(a) a conflict of values rather than of facts **B1**. (b) ask what each would have to surrender to agree with the other **B1**; what each refuses to give up names the value **B1**.