Adjectives to Describe Characters in Literacy

This activity can be used as part of a lesson about using adjectives. It can also be used as part of a literacy lesson when describing characters from a book.

The examples below are differentiated into 3 groups. I have used the book “Oliver Twist” and the character, Fagin. I have provided examples of adjectives to help the children.

Group 1- Least Able

Group 2- Average

Group 3- Most Able

The examples can be changed according to the book that the children are reading.
Describing My Character - Group 1

These are the details about your character you should describe. You should add 3 adjectives. I have included an example: -

Hair- straggling
Nose- pointed
Mouth-smiling
Teeth-crooked
Eyes- blue
Clothes- dirty

Describing My Character - Group 2

These are the details about your character you should describe. You should add 3 adjectives. I have included an example: -

Hair- straggling
Nose- pointed
Mouth-smiling
Teeth-crooked
Eyes- searching
Hands- wrinkled
Clothes- dirty
Walk- hobble
Pastimes- playing “Knock-Down Ginger”

Describing My Character - Group 3

These are the details about your character you should describe. You should add 4 adjectives (you may use a thesaurus). I have included an example: -

Hair- tousled
Nose- bulbous
Mouth-smirking
Teeth-crooked
Eyes- piercing
Clothes- filthy
Hands- wrinkled
Walk- hobble
Pastimes- playing “Knock-Down Ginger”
Spoken expressions- “that’s the ticket”
Special skills- picking pockets