

HOW TO IDENTIFY A CHILD'S TEMPERAMENT

Letters from Camp

1. **Think** about a child whose temperament you'd like to identify. Imagine they are writing you a letter from camp.
2. **Read** the four letters. (Each is written from the perspective of a different temperament.)
3. Does one letter jump out to you as **sounding most like the child** you're thinking of?
(Hint: Consider the tone, words, and punctuation used, and think about the type of things—people or tasks—mentioned in each letter.)

CHOLERIC | Red Child's Letter from Camp

Mom and Dad,

It's probably hard for you to believe I've been here two weeks already. I've been so busy, this is the first chance I've had to write home.

I've gone hiking, tubing, and zip lining twice already. Oh, and I won first place in the relay races, and I have the medal to prove it! The girls in the cabin are fine, I guess. One of them talks too much and another has been crying since her parents dropped her off. She needs to snap out of it.

It rained once. Food is pretty decent—we get to have s'mores (my favorite) on Monday nights.

Do you miss me?

Love,
Me

P.S. I told Jenny to stay out of my room while I'm gone.

SANGUINE | Yellow Child's Letter from Camp

DEAR MOM and Dad,

THIS IS THE BEST SUMMER OF MY LIFE! All the girls in my cabin are so cool and fun. My bunkmate, Holly, is from St. Louis and she has the most amazing clothes!! Her mom owns a boutique in town, so she gets new stuff like every day! I met two new friends today. We rode the zip line together. I don't remember their names... but they were awesome! I hope I can find them again tonight when we go for s'mores!

This camp is so beautiful! I wish phones were allowed so my friends and I could take selfies. We sing camp songs and laugh all the way to the mess hall for breakfast... even in the rain!! It's so much fun!

How's Jenny doing? I miss her so much! Please ask her to send a letter! Oooh!! Or a care package with some Swedish fish those are Holly's favorite (the one with the cool clothes, remember?).

I'll write again tomorrow!

XOXOXOX
ME

Dear Mom and Dad,

Camp is pretty good. The girls seem nice enough. I took the middle bunk because no one else wanted it. I can hang a blanket between the bunks and make myself a little cave. It's been great for napping during downtime. One of the girls, Suzanne, has been crying since her parents dropped her off. I've been trying to ~~cheer~~ cheer her up the best I can. I do feel bad for her, but it's getting a little exhausting.

The mess hall is buffet style, so I get to try a little of everything... the ~~desserts~~ desserts are my favorite.

Suzanne asked me to ride the zip line with her tomorrow. It's not really my thing, but I know she really wants to do it.

Please let Jenny know that I left her a note under her bed... in case she hasn't found it yet. Also, I don't think I lost it, but I can't find my rain jacket.

Our counselors are asking for the letters now, so I gotta go.

I love you all and miss you so much.

Dear Mom and Dad,

It's been very rainy here. I was right to bring those waterproof socks because the boots aren't keeping my feet dry. That extra raincoat I brought will come in handy if the rain keeps up.

I feel really bad for a girl in my cabin. She's been crying since her parents dropped her off. I want to be there for her, but it also makes me miss you guys more.

I'm the only one in my cabin that hasn't gone on the zip line. There are lots of safety rules and most of these kids don't follow them. I heard from someone that a girl fell off last year. Where were the counselors when that happened!? No way am I doing that.

The food here is alright. Breakfast is usually eggs and bacon... lunch is mostly turkey sandwiches on wheat bread with potato chips. Dinner is usually a meat and a vegetable, but last night's chicken had a funny smell to it, so I skipped it and just ate s'mores around the campfire.

It's going to be a long summer. I hope the weather clears up.

Miss you.

P.S. Tell Jenny as long as she puts them back where they belong, she can borrow my headphones.