

Answer Key

Transparency 3 Analyzing Character

The chart below has been used to analyze characters in Cynthia Rylant's "Checkouts," which begins on PE page 23.

Title: "Checkouts"

Author: Cynthia Rylant

Character	Traits	Relationships with Other Characters	Motivations
girl	independent, dreamy	withdraws from parents; looks at bag boy and smiles at him; ignores the bag boy next time they meet	wants to feel at home; wants a distraction from her misery
boy	insecure	responds to the girl's smile by dropping a mayonnaise jar; ignores the girl next time they meet	wants the girl to like him