Identify the following sentences as Direct or Indirect characterization. Write the full word on the line provided. Extra credit – Write after the indirect characterization sentences the traits or feelings that are expressed by/about the character.

**Direct Characterization** – Author TELLS you about the character

**Indirect Characterization** – Author SHOWS you the character’s traits/feelings

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_As Mr. Byrd walked by families, mothers pulled their children close to their side.

2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Alex was bored with the TV program, but the remote control was across the room, so he just watched it anyway.

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Kylie’s name was called, and she slowly walked up to the stage, staring straight at the ground.

4. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Samantha sat in front of a mirror looking at herself. What does he see in me, she wondered.

5. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Peter was very lazy, and would never move himself more than was absolutely necessary.

6. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Amy’s fiery determination usually matched her auburn hair, but not today. For the first time since meeting Mr. Black, she was afraid.

7. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_When Amaya brought home a pet rabbit, her mother did not object. She thought to herself Amaya is a caring, responsible girl who would take excellent care of the animal.

8. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Dr. Chang was the best dentist in the practice. He had a charming smile, a gentle manner, and a warm personality.

9. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Jennifer’s eyes, lips, and hands were clenched. Her head drooped and her chin hung low. A tear slid down her face.

10. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_I’m tired of being ignored, Maura thought. When I walk into a room, it’s like no one sees me. No more—I’m going to get noticed at the dance.

Change the following examples of direct characterization into indirect characterization and write your sentences on the lines provided.

1. Arnold is a klutz.

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2. Katie is a motherly person.

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3. Lou is an amazing musician.

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4. Henrietta is a wonderful friend.

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5. Rascal is a playful puppy.

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