

4.3 Nuances in characters' relationships

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KEY WORDS conflict between characters 人物间的冲突

Objective

Build the skills to explain **conflict between characters** 人物间的冲突.

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

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a task used later.

■ The source

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

■ 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.

■ Why hard

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

■ 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.

2 Practice

2.1 State where conflict among characters often arises from. [2]

2.2 Distinguish a value conflict from a disagreement. [2]

2.3 A value conflict is hard to resolve.

(a) Explain why. [2]

(b) State the question that finds the value. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 Conflict among characters often arises from tensions generated by their different [1]

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|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- A** value systems
 - B** ages
 - C** accents
 - D** occupations

3.2 A disagreement about a fact can be settled by [1]

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

3.3 Two characters quarrel and both are reasonable.

(a) State what this indicates. [1]

(b) Explain how to identify the values involved. [2]
