

## WiseWrite Unit 3: STRATEGIES AND OBSTACLES

**OBSTACLES :** These are the things or conditions that keep a character from getting what he/she/it wants. Obstacles help cause dramatic conflict. Different obstacles include: villain, force of nature, personal weakness.

**CHARACTER STRATEGIES:** A strategy is the way the character tries to get what he/she/it wants or needs. Because a strategy doesn't always work, the character often has to try more than one strategy before resolving the dramatic conflict. It is important that each strategy is connected to the character's want or need, and could be a way to get past the obstacle. Different character strategies include: mentor, ally, tool.

**Draw a line from the item on the left to its corresponding category on the right.**

Darth Vader  
Yoda  
Harry Potter's Magic Wand  
A Blizzard  
Dorothy's Ruby Slippers  
The Tin Man  
A Light Saber  
A Tornado  
Albus Dumbledore  
Paralyzing Fear  
A Locked Door  
A Key  
A Best Friend  
Worst Enemy  
Laziness  
A Teacher  
The Wicked Witch of the West

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VILLIAN  
CORCE OF NATURE  
PERSONAL WEAKNESS

**STRATEGIES**  
MENTOR  
ALLY  
TOOL