

Nothing but the Truth

LITERARY ELEMENTS WORKSHEET

Conflict

Conflict is a struggle between opposing characters or opposing forces. In an **external conflict**, a character struggles with something from the outside, such as another character, nature, or a situation. A character with an **internal conflict** struggles with his or her own feeling or thoughts.

On the lines provided, indicate whether each of the following conflicts is *internal* or *external*. Then, briefly describe each conflict.

1. Philip decides to find a way to “run past Narwin.” _____

2. Miss Narwin warns Philip that he is in danger of failing English. _____

3. Mr. Dexter confronts Mr. Malloy about a “botched job.” _____

4. Mr. Malloy decides not defend himself. _____

5. Allison tells Philip that what he did was “mean.” _____

6. Miss Narwin feels that she is out of touch with her students. _____

7. Miss Narwin receives angry letters. _____

8. Philip worries about going back to school. _____

9. The school budget is coming up for a vote. _____

10. Coach Jamison tells Philip that he thinks Philip set Miss Narwin up. _____
