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OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

Many books in the children's literature genre contain the theme of overcoming obstacles. The main character must face a difficult situation, and he or she must find ways to overcome it.

Think of two obstacles or struggles that the main character must face. Write them in the boxes. In the spaces over the boxes, explain how the character overcame each obstacle.

Name of Novel: _____ Name of Character: _____

**How did
this character
overcome this
obstacle?**

Obstacle #1

**How did
this character
overcome this
obstacle?**

Obstacle #2

NAME: _____

SO THEY SAY

Dialogue is an important ingredient in most novels. *Dialogue* is what we call it when two or more characters talk to each other. We can learn a lot about characters by what they say to each other.

For this activity, choose a scene in which two characters talk to each other. Your chosen scene should be one that you think tells us a lot about those characters.

- ◆ Write the name of each character and tell how these characters know each other.
- ◆ Tell what you think this dialogue says about each character.

**Character
#1**

Character's name:

Relationship to
other character:

What words does this character say?

What does this tell us about the character's personality, thoughts, or opinions? Why?

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**Character
#2**

Character's name:

Relationship to
other character: