

Spelling list: Characters in David Copperfield

David Copperfield by Charles Dickens is a classic bildungsroman that follows the life of the titular character, David Copperfield. From his tumultuous childhood marked by loss and abuse to his journey toward self-discovery and success as a writer, the novel explores themes of resilience, personal growth, and the complexities of Victorian society.

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Murdstone	Mr. Murdstone , David's oppressive stepfather, treats him with cruelty and sends him away to a harsh boarding school.
Clara	David's mother, Clara Copperfield, is a gentle and kind-hearted woman who marries Mr. Murdstone but suffers due to his mistreatment.
Peggotty	Peggotty , the devoted housekeeper for the Copperfield family, offers David warmth, love, and a sense of belonging during his childhood.
Barkis	Mr. Barkis , a simple and honest carrier, marries Peggotty, displaying his straightforward and reliable character.
Emily	Little Emily , Peggotty's niece, endures a tragic fate, which deeply affects those who care for her.
Uriah	Uriah Heep, a cunning and manipulative clerk, becomes one of David's main adversaries throughout the novel.
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Micawber	Mr. Micawber , known for his colourful language and optimistic spirit, frequently faces financial troubles but maintains his resilient and humorous outlook on life.
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Agnes	Agnes Wickfield, David's childhood friend and confidante, eventually becomes his second wife and a source of strength in his life.
Wickfield	Mr. Wickfield , Agnes's father, is a kind but troubled lawyer who plays a significant role in David's life.
Steerforth	Steerforth , a charming and charismatic friend, is ultimately revealed as untrustworthy, causing turmoil in David's life.
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Creakle	Mr. Creakle serves as the harsh headmaster of Salem House, the boarding school David attends in his youth.