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3	Allison	F	8	3	7	→ 3				X		attentive
4	Matt	М	8	3	М	3			×			
5	Hannah	F	9	3	F	2				*		shy
6	Katie	F	9	4	R	→ 4				×		shy
7	Carlos	М	10	4	τ	→ 5			×		×	
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- 2. To create the mostbalanced groups, it may be helpful to write in some of the notes we've made about each student...
- 3. Most of the outgoing readers are in the first group, leaving unbalanced groups that may contain more reserved readers.

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We can now see that group two is especially lacking in energetic and outgoing students who will liven up the reading experience, while there are more than enough students to create balanced groups.

By moving students around within their assigned characters roles, we can create balanced groups.

If possible, each group should have one (or more) outgoing student. It is also helpful to have an attentive, responsible to student in each group to keep the group on track throughout the story.

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