

Characters

Look through the names of the characters below and consider what role each plays in the novel; think beyond their label or relationship (father; daughter; patient etc) to their role in the narrative and their connections to other characters. Who do you think is the most important character and who the least important? Which character do you find the most interesting and which the least? Why does McEwan include some of them? Are some of them more interesting or stronger in the past than the present?

Henry Perowne
Rosalind
Theo
Daisy
Baxter
John Grammaticus
Jay Strauss
Miri Taleb
Lilian Perowne
Andrea Chapman
Rodney Browne
Nark
Nigel