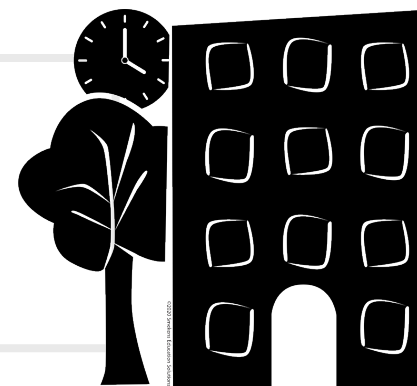


# Describe the Main Setting | WHERE & WHEN the story happens

Stories often take place in one main setting.

Settings can change, however. When determining what details are important regarding setting, take note of the *where* and *when* details that occur when the problem is revealed and the solution is realized.



## WHERE PRINT TEXT CLUES

### GENERAL LOCATION

- In a building (e.g., home, school)
- In space (e.g., spaceship, planet)
- Outside (e.g., at a park, on a farm, in a yard)
- Traveling (e.g., riding in a car, walking on a sidewalk, riding on a bike)
- In a city (e.g., downtown, suburbs)

### SPECIFIC LOCATION

- A classroom (in a school)
- The cafeteria (in a school)
- The gymnasium (in a school)
- The kitchen (in a house)
- A restaurant (in a town)

### ACTIVITY IN LOCATION

- Weather (e.g., rain, snow, wind, storm)
- Sensory details (e.g., sights, sounds, smells)
- People (e.g., other characters, background extras)
- Objects (e.g., decorations included, objects used)

## WHEN PRINT TEXT CLUES

### TIME OF DAY

- Specific time (e.g., 10 a.m., noon, 5 p.m.)
- Time of day (e.g., morning, after lunch, at bedtime)
- Elapsed time between events (e.g., the next morning, the following day, 4 hours later)
- Universal or generic time (e.g., one day, one morning)

### TIME OF YEAR

- Season (e.g., spring, summer, hunting, rainy)
- Holiday (e.g., cultural celebrations, calendar events)
- School (e.g., first day, spring break)
- Month (e.g., January, February)

### TIME LINE

- Present day (e.g., current culture, personal journal.)
- Past tense (e.g., when younger, earlier in time, etc.)
- Futuristic (e.g., post-apocalyptic, dystopian/utopian, science fiction)
- Era (e.g., Jurassic era, Roaring Twenties)
- Date (e.g., Signing of the Declaration—August 2, 1776, Beginning of WWII—September 1, 1939)

### TO NE

- Mood associated with that setting (e.g., location, activity)
- Cultural norms
- Beliefs/Values of time period
- Character's attitude in setting

## VISUAL CLUES

### ILLUSTRATIONS

- Identify the SAME details the author stated that show *where* and *when* the story detail happened.
- Identify any NEW details that the illustrator added into the pictures (that weren't specified in the print text).