

# Setting

Setting is where and when a story takes place. Before you begin writing a story, it's good to describe the setting in as much detail as possible for yourself. You don't have to put everything you write about it here into your story, but if you brainstorm just about setting you may come up with interesting ideas you wouldn't have thought of otherwise.



Your story may have more than one setting. For example, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* is set in Kansas and in Oz. Do this exercise once for each setting in your story.

Your turn! Don't just list nouns, but give adjectives too. For example, don't just talk about hearing birds, but describe them as melodic or shrill. Remember, this is brainstorming, so let it flow.

Where: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

When: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What can be seen in my setting (items, shapes, colors, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What can be heard in my setting (voices, animals, machines, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How do things feel in my setting (textures): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How do things smell in my setting: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Can I taste anything in my setting: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_