

# Setting

Let's write a story  
about a 10-year-old boy  
We'll call him Cory  
and his best friend is Troy  
And they live somewhere  
And it was some time of day  
that they were talking  
about the weather, but wait!

(but wait...)  
What's the thing we're forgetting?  
In this story, well, what is the setting?  
If you don't know what I mean,  
then here's my suggestion:  
All we have to do is answer  
two simple questions...

When, when did it take place?  
At night or in the day?  
This year or in the 1800s?

Where, where did it happen?  
A house or a cabin?  
Or maybe in a creepy dungeon?

The setting is the background  
It's not hard to track down  
if you know the time and the place  
of the story  
then you're ready  
to identify  
the setting

The setting  
is where the story is set  
and it's important  
'cause it tells you what to expect  
when you are reading  
Like if your story is set in 1820  
well then there won't be a jet

A horse and buggy would be out of place  
in a story set in the modern day  
The characters probably won't  
wear a sweatshirt  
if the story's set in the Sahara desert

When, later or sooner?  
The past or the future?  
In modern times or pre-historic?

Where, where did it take place?  
Was it in outer space?  
America or somewhere foreign?

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When, when did it go down?  
A while back or just now?  
In summertime or in the winter?

Where, where did it take place?  
A military base?  
Or somewhere you'd go out to dinner?

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