

Planning to write your story

Where is your story set?

For your setting, choose a place you know well.

Has your setting got a **name**? (E.g. Big Dip, Snailwell, Fred's Den?)

What is the **weather** like? (E.g. sunny, stormy, windy?)

What **time of day/year** is it? (E.g. early morning in the summer; night-time on Christmas Eve; a Sunday afternoon?)

What can you **see and hear**? (E.g. rush hour traffic, school bell, animals?)



Who are your main characters?

Choose one or two main characters. You can choose someone you know and then invent a bit – change their name or give them different coloured hair. Don't have too many main characters. Stick to two at the most or you may lose control of them!

- What are your characters **called**? Do they have a **nickname** or **title**? (E.g. *Gramps, Speedy, Dr.*)
- What do they **look like**? What are they **wearing**? (E.g. *a uniform, ripped jeans.*) What's their **voice** like?
- What **sort of person** is your character? (E.g. *friendly, shy, bossy, helpful!*)
- How does your character **feel**? (E.g. *hungry, excited, bored.*) Why?
- What is your character **doing** in the setting you have chosen? (E.g. *meeting friends, doing a hobby.*)
- What will your character **do/see/say**?