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Read these short stories and identify the characters for each story.

1) Ali and the Magic Carpet

One very hot day Ali finds a carpet in his uncle's shop. "What's this?" Suddenly the carpet jumps! It moves and flies off into the air. "Hey! What's happening?" A loud booming voice comes from the carpet. "Welcome, O master. I am a magic carpet."

First, they fly high up into the sky and then they land in a jungle. It is hot and wet and it's raining. "It's raining!" says Ali. Then they fly to the desert. It is very, very hot and dry. "It is very, very hot today!" Ali exclaims.

After that they fly to the South Pole. There is lots of ice and snow. It's freezing. Ali said, "Brrr! Where are we now? I can't see!" The magic carpet suddenly speaks, "We are flying across a mountain!" Ali replies, "It's very foggy."

Then, they fly to a forest. It is very windy there. "Oh, it's windy in the forest!" Then they fly to an island in the sea. There is thunder and lightning. "Aaagh! Let's go home!" shouts Ali. Finally, they fly back home. The carpet lands in the shop and Ali gets off. "Wow! What an adventure!"

List down all the characters in this story:

- 1.
- 2.

(Story taken and adapted from <https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/short-stories>)

2) My Father

Hello, I'm Kumar. I'm ten years old. I live with my father in Shah Alam. I'm going to tell you about my father. His name is Raju. He's 46 years old. His hair is black and grey. He has brown eyes. I have brown eyes too! My father gets up early most days. He makes my breakfast, and sometimes he takes me to school.

My father works as a teacher. However, he does not teach children. He teaches other people who work with him. Now, my father is at home. My father gets home at 5 o'clock. Sometimes I help him cook for dinner. I love helping him to make a pasta sauce.

After dinner, my father sometimes helps me with my homework. Yesterday, he helped me with my English homework. I like English! In the evening we sometimes watch TV. Sometimes, my father will read stories for me. He loves reading. I love reading too!

During weekends, we do different things. Sometimes we go to the library. My father will ask me to choose some books to borrow from the library. Sometimes during weekends, we go to the cinema, or to a concert. My father loves music. Sometimes the concerts are a bit boring. It's great living with my father. I love him very much.

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3) The Lost Ball

One day Linda and I were playing with the racket and ball and the ball went into Rashid's house. Though we were scared, we went to his house and asked him if he could give us our ball. He said "No". We felt helpless.

Suddenly, I had an idea. There was a water tank behind the Rashid's house. I looked at it and told Linda "Linda, look at this. We can climb the water tank and jump over the gate." Linda agreed, but we were both wearing skirts. We couldn't climb with that. "It doesn't matter, we can see tomorrow. Don't forget to wear pants." said Linda. "Bye", I said and went back home.

The next day, I went to Linda's house early. We were both wearing pants. "Best of luck" said Linda's brother Akmal. He knew everything. He said, "Shout loudly if you need me." We went to the water tank. "Who will climb first?" asked Linda. "You" I said. She agreed.

She climbed down into Rashid's house. I followed her and then we were looking under a bed for the ball when we heard a noise. It was Akmal. "Mother is calling you" he whispered.

We hurried and took out the lost ball. But along with the ball was a ... gold bar! We quickly took both the ball and the gold bar and climbed up the water tank again. When we reached Linda's house the T.V was on. It was News time.

I couldn't believe my ears when it said that 20 gold bars were stolen from a gold shop. They showed a picture of the gold bars and it was exactly like the one we had found. We all knew it because there was a look of surprise on every one's face. We quickly told the story to Linda's mother and she called the police. The police came at once and caught Rashid. They found the rest of the gold bars in the Rashid's house.

After some time, the police inspector came and told us "Thank You children for catching the thief. Here is a reward for all of you." When we opened the gifts, we were surprised. There were investigative books for Linda and me.

List down all the characters in the story

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(Story taken and adapted from <http://www.english-for-students.com/The-Lost-Ball.html>)

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