

Comprehension

Elements of a story

Recalling details by asking **who?** and **where?**

THE CHARACTERS are who the story is mostly about. They can be people or animals.

THE SETTING is where the story mostly takes place. The surroundings where the characters are.

WHO? 	CHARACTERS 	A character is a person, animal, creature, or thing in a story. Writers use characters to perform the actions and talk. Most stories have many characters, with one of them as the main one.
WHERE? 	SETTING Where the story takes place. 	The setting of a story are the places where characters are. Settings can change throughout the story. Setting can be the location such as beach or mountains, the weather such as rainy or sunny, as well as places or buildings, such as a school, home, church, park, or work.

The Golden Fish Acts Wisely (excerpt)

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Upon a certain island in the middle of the sea lived a fisherman and his wife. They were so poor they often went without bread when the fishing did not go well.

One day the man caught a small golden fish who begged to be let go.

Because the man did let him go, the little fish promised that he would come back if the fisherman ever needed help. The man said that he and his wife had no food, and when the man returned home there was a nice meal on the table. But the fisherman's wife was greedy. After she ate the nice meal, she went to bed planning what they should demand from the golden fish next.

1. Who are the characters?

2. Where is the story taking place?
