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Topic: The Parts of a Story

No two stories are exactly alike. Some stories are long. Some are short. Some stories are funny; some are serious. Some tell about things that happen in real life. Others are make-believe. But every story has these three things: **character**, **setting** and **plot**.

The people or animals in a story are the characters. They may be the kind of people or animals you see every day or they may be imaginary like the teacup in Beauty and the Beast for example.

The setting is when and where a story happens. A story's setting may be in a crowded schoolroom one hundred years ago, the character's home, a back yard, a sports stadium or anyplace that fits the plot.

A story must also have a plot. **The plot is the series of events in the story.** It tells what happens. Often a character has a problem. In most stories the problem is solved in the end.

Something to do

Write character, setting or plot to show which part of a story each item describes.

1. Lucy and Linus _____
2. just after sunrise _____
3. a hot, barren desert _____
4. some campers hear noise _____
5. a wallet is found _____
6. three wise dolphins _____
7. a girl rescues a friend _____
8. days of the dinosaurs _____
9. an imaginary country _____
10. last summer on the farm _____

