

# Time and Place

What is the setting of a story? It's where and when the story takes place: a town or a city; last month or 500 years ago; in America or in a land of fantasy.

This activity will help you learn to pay close attention to the setting of the stories and novels you read, and appreciate how a setting can affect practically everything in a story.

**Directions:** Answer the questions below.

## Where?

**1.** Where does this story take place?

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**2.** Is it a big city or a small town?

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**3.** How do you know? (Give examples from the story.)

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## When?

**4.** When does the story take place?

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**5.** What is daily life like for Joey's family at this time?

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**6.** What details does the author, Johanna Hurwitz, include to convey when the story takes place?

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## Write Now!

What things might be different if the story were set in today's America?  
Write a well-organized paragraph explaining your answer, using details from the story.