

STORY ELEMENTS

What are the Elements of a Story?

Story elements are **plot**, **setting**, and **characters**.

A **plot** is the plan of the story. It tells what the story is about. It is sometimes called the main idea of the story. A plot has a beginning, middle, and end.

The **setting** is the place where the story happens. It could be a small room or a huge country or any place in between.

The **characters** are the people and animals in the story. In a play, the characters are the actors. Sometimes the author is the narrator who seems to be a person in the story.



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My friend, _____ cats named Lisa, Bart, and Jose. When she is not home the cats run and play all day. One time, Lisa shut a door so that Bart and Jose were stuck in the basement. They were lucky because they had food and a litter box. Lisa was not lucky because she could not get to the food or the litter box!

What is the plot of this story? _____

Where does this story take place? _____

Who are the characters? _____