

## ELEMENTS OF FICTION

### What are Elements of Fiction?

#### Characters

A **character** is a person in a story, novel, or play.

**Example:**

Cindy and Emma planned to stay up all night. They started their party by watching two movies; then they called their friends on the phone and played games on Cindy's computer. They were having so much fun at their sleepover party.

Who are the main **characters** in the paragraph above?  
Cindy and Emma are the main characters.

#### Setting

The **setting**

**Example:**

It was a beautiful day in the park. The swings were swinging and over a hundred children were leaving.

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What is the **setting** of this story?  
The setting of this story is in the park.

#### Plot

The **plot** of a story is what goes on in a story. It's the series of events that gives a story its meaning.

**Example:**

Josh and Paul worked on their Science project for three weeks. They hoped their project would win first prize at the Science Fair. The day of the fair finally arrived. Josh and Paul brought their project carefully into the gym.

What is the **plot** of this story?  
The plot of this short story is that two boys were preparing a science project for a Science Fair.