

**LESSON****19****Setting****WORDS  
TO KNOW**

**Setting** where and when a story takes place

**Review It!**

Read these sentences. Use the Hint to determine the setting.

The sand was cold and damp with just a scattering of shell fragments. Only a solitary gull braved the icy autumn wind.

**Hint** Think about where you would expect to find sand, shells, and gulls. Notice the season that is named.

**Try It!**

Read this passage. As you read, underline words and phrases that establish the setting.

- 1 The old barn was run-down. Inside, sunlight poured in through big cracks in the walls. The barn definitely had a spooky feel to it. It would be the perfect place for Charlie to film his first movie.
- 2 With camcorder in hand, Charlie walked into the barn with his middle-school buddies. After getting used to the musty smell, they began filming. For the first scene, Jon opened the creaky barn door. He stepped inside and looked around at the rusty tools lying on the dirt floor. Then he heard a noise coming from the pile of dirty plaid blankets in the corner. Startled by the mysterious sound, Jon tripped over an old rope and started screaming. Looking up from the ground, he saw only cobwebs and a rotting roof.
- 3 “Everything in this barn is scary,” said Charlie. “Great for a movie!”

Now, use the passage to answer the questions on the following page.

1. Where is the story set?
  - A. in an empty factory
  - B. in an abandoned school
  - C. in an old barn
  - D. in a cold basement
  
2. This story takes place
  - A. after Charlie graduated from college
  - B. when the farmers who owned the barn were children
  - C. after the farmers had finished their chores for the day
  - D. during Charlie's middle-school years
  
3. Charlie thinks that the barn is the perfect place to film his movie because
  - A. it is clean and tidy
  - B. it has a lot of creepy details
  - C. it is a brand-new building
  - D. it is far away from his house
  
4. The setting of the barn lets Charlie and his friends
  - A. make a scary movie without having to build a set
  - B. tell the story of a farm and its animals
  - C. make a movie about farming equipment
  - D. make a film about growing up in their neighborhood

**In Your Own Words**

5. Do you agree that Charlie should make his scary movie in the barn? Use examples from the story to explain your answer.

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2.

Do you see words in the text that match those in one of the answer choices?

3.

Which details about the barn does Charlie think will work well for his movie?

5.

What is it about the barn that makes it suitable or unsuitable for a scary film?