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Character and Setting • Story Structure

- A **character** is a person or animal who takes part in the events of a story. You can learn about characters by their words and actions.
- The **setting** is when and where a story takes place.
- Use the **story structure**—beginning, middle, and end—to learn about **characters** and **setting**.

Directions Read the following passage. Then complete the chart below.

Ebu’s family owns a salt mine in North Africa. Ebu is only 10 years old. He reads about faraway cities and sees them on TV, but there is no other place he would rather live.

Ebu helps tie salt slabs onto the camels. They journey through the desert.

At night, Ebu helps feed the camels. Then he eats food cooked over a fire.

Ebu and his family arrive at Timbuktu. They set up their stall. Soon all of their salt has been sold.



Characters	Setting
1. Name and age Ebu, 10	3. Where story takes place North Africa, desert
2. Character trait helpful, hard worker	4. When story takes place 20th or 21st century

5. Write the sentence in the last paragraph that describes the setting.

Ebu and his family arrive at Timbuktu.

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Home Activity Your child answered questions about a story’s characters and setting. Name stories your child is familiar with and ask your child to list the characters in it. Then ask where and when the story takes place.