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# Character and Setting

- A **character** is a person or animal who takes part in the events of a story. You learn about characters by their words and actions.
- The **setting** is when and where a story takes place.



**Directions** Read the following passage.

**K**elly’s friends ride bicycles on the road past Kelly’s farm. Kelly wants to join them, but she doesn’t have a bike.

Every day Kelly helps with the farm chores. She gathers eggs. She feeds pigs. She weeds the family garden. On Fridays, Kelly’s dad gives her ten dollars.

Kelly saves each ten-dollar bill. Finally, she has eighty dollars. Her dad takes her into town to get a bike.

When Kelly’s friends ride by, Kelly hops on her bike. Now, when her chores are done, she can go riding with her friends.

**Directions** Complete the chart.

Character	Setting
1. Name <b>Kelly</b>	3. Where story takes place <b>farm</b>
2. Character trait <b>helpful</b>	4. When story takes place <b>present time; summer</b>

5. Reread the story’s beginning, middle, and end. What does each part tell you about Kelly? **Answers may vary.**

**Kelly doesn’t complain because she doesn’t have a bike.**

**She doesn’t ask her parents to buy her one. She works hard to earn money and saves to buy a bike.**

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**Home Activity** Your child answered questions about a story’s character and setting. Ask your child to name as many places as he or she can think of. Suggest places your child likes to visit as well as states and countries. Tell your child that these places could be the setting for a story.