

# Story Elements

**Characters** The people in the story. Their character traits bring the story to life.

**Setting** Where and when the story takes place. Setting can have a big effect on the action of a story.

**Plot** The action of the story. It follows a rising and falling pattern.

**Conflict** The problem in the story. A story is all about solving a problem.

**Theme** The big idea of the story. It's the message that the author wants us to take from the story.



# Characterization

Authors use **characterization** to let us discover a character's personality and character traits.

Characterization  
Includes:

- What a character says
- What a character does
- What a character thinks
- How others react to the character

