

Elements of a story: Setting

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet

The **setting** is where and when the story takes place. Sometimes, you have to use clues from the story to figure out the setting.

Read the story and underline clues about the setting:

Roadtrip!

Jax sat in the front seat, watching the world speed by through the glass window. The car moved smoothly, barely making a sound. Rows of other cars zipped along beside them, all traveling in perfect lines. There were no honking horns and no stoplights. All he could see were lanes of cars stretching into the distance.

His father sat beside him and stretched his arms behind his head. "Almost there," he said, glancing at the glowing screen on the dashboard. It showed a map with a bright green line marking their path.

"ETA: 12 minutes," the screen announced in a calm, robotic voice.

Jax tapped the window. "How fast are we going?"

His dad swiped the screen. "Just over 120 miles per hour."

Jax's eyes widened. "That's crazy fast!"

His dad chuckled. "It feels slow, though, doesn't it?"



Jax nodded. The car didn't shake or bounce. The ride was so smooth that he could barely feel it moving at all. Outside, he watched as other cars glided along, adjusting their speeds without anyone steering them. Above the road, radar scanned each vehicle with tiny blinking lights.

A black vehicle zipped past in the next lane, moving even faster than their car. Jax leaned forward. "Is that one of the new solar models?" he asked.

His dad nodded. "It runs entirely on sunlight. No charging needed."

Jax turned back to the screen. The green line curved ahead, leading them toward their exit. The car moved and changed lanes without a sound. Far in the distance, he could see the shining towers of the city rising up as they came closer.

He let out a deep breath and grinned. "I can't believe people used to drive these things themselves."



His father laughed. "I know. Seems dangerous, doesn't it?"

Jax watched as the road signs flashed digital updates above them, warning about weather conditions farther ahead. It seemed like their car already knew, though. It had planned the safest, fastest route.

A soft chime rang out. "Approaching destination," the voice announced.

Jax sat back, staring at the road ahead. The ride had felt easy, like gliding on air. In just a few minutes, they would be home.

Then pick your top four clues and record them in the chart below:

Setting clue

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Based on these clues, *when* and *where* do you think the story takes place?

Answers

Setting Clues:

Accept any clue as long as it comes from the story.

Based on these clues, when and where do you think the story takes place?

The story take place in the future, inside a driverless car traveling on the highway.