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Understanding the **characters** and the **setting** can help you understand what happens in a story.

Read the passage. Then answer the questions that follow.

When she was little, Andrea lived near the Kennedy Space Center. Her mother always took her there to watch the rockets launch. As Andrea grew up, she realized that she wanted to do more than just watch rocket launches. More than anything, she wanted to be an astronaut, but she wasn't sure that she could be one.

Her mother told her, "If you want something, the important thing is that you try your best." Andrea ate well and exercised. She studied hard in all her subjects. After college she learned to fly jet planes.

Andrea's dream came true. She became an astronaut and took many trips into space.

1. Who are the characters in this story?

2. What is the setting when Andrea is a little girl?

3. How did Andrea's mother help her achieve her goal?

4. In most plots, a character changes. How did Andrea change in the story?

