

Name _____

Comprehension:
Character, Setting,
Plot

The **characters** are the people, and sometimes animals, in a story. The **setting** is where and when a story takes place. The **plot** is what happens in the story.

At last we arrived at the ocean cottage. My brother and I were too excited to look around the house. We ran out to explore the shore. There were tide pools and seaweed, and minnows swimming in a tide pool. When I stuck my hand in the water, the little fish darted under a piece of seaweed. Farther down the rocky coast, we saw a seal resting on a rock!

My brother and I were so excited about seeing the seal that we had a hard time falling asleep that night. The next morning we ran to find the seal again. It was gone! But then we heard barking. In the shallow water near the shore, a dark head looked at us, barked once again, and disappeared below the water.

1. Name the setting of the passage.

2. Who is the main character?

3. What happens in the first part of the story?

4. What important discovery do they make while they are exploring?

5. How does the story end?

