

Story Elements

The **setting** is when and where a story takes place. The **characters** are the people the story is about.

Read the story. Then complete the story chart.

Jamal walked alone by the river. Jamal missed his friends, and wished his family hadn't moved. It was late summer, and it was too late to sign up for anything. Jamal hadn't made any new friends because he was so shy. He soon saw some kids playing soccer in the park. They were good, but not great. Jamal wished they would ask him to play. But no one did.

The next day Jamal went to the park again. The same kids were playing soccer. Jamal watched them play. Suddenly the soccer ball rolled past him towards the river. Jamal heard the kids yelling. Quickly he stopped the ball and kicked it back. It was a perfect kick. The kids started playing again. As Jamal was leaving, one of the kids shouted at him, "Hey, that was a great kick. You play soccer?" Jamal nodded.

"Well, I'm Josephena, you want to play with us tomorrow?" the kid asked. Jamal smiled and said, "Sure."

Setting	Characters
1. Where does the story take place? _____ _____	4. How would you describe Jamal? _____ _____
2. When does the story take place? _____ _____	5. Did you think Jamal will make new friends? Why? _____ _____ _____
3. Do you think this story takes place today?. Explain. _____ _____ _____ _____	6. Do you think Jamal and Josephena will become friends? _____ _____ _____