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GETTING READY

Welcome to this module !

Do you know the parts of a story?

A story has a setting, a character, a climax and a good ending.

This lesson module will give you the chance to demonstrate your knowledge of story grammar by being able to identify setting, characters, and main events in the story.

You may start now.

Good luck !

REVIEW TIME

A. Read this paragraph

Jose Rizal is our national hero. He was born on June 19, 1861 in Calamba, Laguna. His parents were Francisco Rizal and Teodora Alonzo.

His mother was his first teacher. At an early age he learned to read the letters of the alphabet. He was a bright student.

Jose Rizal wrote books against the Spaniards. The Spaniards got angry and he was exiled to Dapitan. Later he was imprisoned in Fort Santiago. In his prison cell he wrote the poem, "My Last Farewell".

On December 30, 1896, Jose Rizal was shot to death by the Spaniards in Luneta.

Today the monument of Jose Rizal is one of the historical places in our country.

Copy the chart below in your notebook. Look for words in the paragraph that tell who, when, where, and what. Write these words under each column as shown in the chart.

Who	What	When	Where
Example: <u>Jose Rizal</u> _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____

B. Here's a story for you.
What do the underlined words tell?

Mr. Naldo was a rich man. He lived in a big house with his only son whom he loved so dearly. He showed his love by giving everything he wished for.

One day his son got sick. He was worried because his son didn't like to eat. He was always lying in bed.

"Father, I like to eat delicious guavas", his son said. "Please tell our servant to go to the market now."

The servant ran quickly to the market. He approached a fruit vendor and asked if her guavas were sweet.

The fruit vendor answered, "All my guavas are sweet if I taste only one?"

So he took a bite on every guava he bought.

When he reached home his master saw the guavas. He shouted angrily and asked, "Who took a bite on these guavas?"

The servant answered, "I did Sir, because you told me to buy sweet guavas. How do I know if the guavas were sweet if I didn't taste all of them?"

The master threw the basket of guavas to the servant and said, "foolish Fellow, eat all these guavas."

The underlined words in the story are listed below. Read them.

son	home
dearly	master
bed	angrily
now	fruit vendor
quickly	guavas
market	giving everything he wished for
	didn't like to eat

A. Copy this chart in your notebook. Write down the underlined words in the story in its proper column.

Who	What	When	Where	How	Why

B. How well did you read?
Answer these questions.

1. Who are the characters in the story?
2. Where did this story take place?
3. Here are the events that took place in the story.
 - Mr. Naldo's son got sick.
 - The servant went to the market to buy guavas.
 - The servant took a bite on every guava he bought.
 - Mr. Naldo got angry and told the servant to eat all the guavas.
4. Which of the above events sound funny?
5. Which of these events the ending of the story?

STUDY TIME

HONESTY REWARDED



A woodcutter sat down beside the lake to rest. He put his ax beside him. His ax fell into the lake. He felt so sad for it was his only ax. Suddenly a man appeared before him and said, "I'll get the ax for you." Then he dived into the lake.

When he came out of the lake the man had a silver ax. The woodcutter told him that it was not his ax. So the man dived into the lake again. Later he came with a golden ax. He showed it to the woodcutter. Again the woodcutter told him that it was not his ax. The man dived again into the water. When he came out of the water he had a wooden ax.

"That's my axe," said the woodcutter. He was happy to see his wooden ax.

The man gave the woodcutter his wooden ax. He also gave him the silver and the golden ax as a reward for his honesty.

Study how these questions were answered.

1. Where was the woodcutter?

Answer: near the lake

2. Where did the woodcutter's ax fall?

Answer: into the lake

3. Who dived into the lake?

Answer: the woodcutter and the man

4. Who are the characters in the story?

Answer: the woodcutter and the man

5. Who is the most important character in the story?

Answer: the woodcutter

6. Where did the story take place?

Answer: near the lake

You will notice that the words where and who were used in the questions. The answer to where questions refer to places. The answer to who questions refer to persons.

KEEP IN MIND

A story has characters and setting

The characters are the people or animals who are talked about in the story.

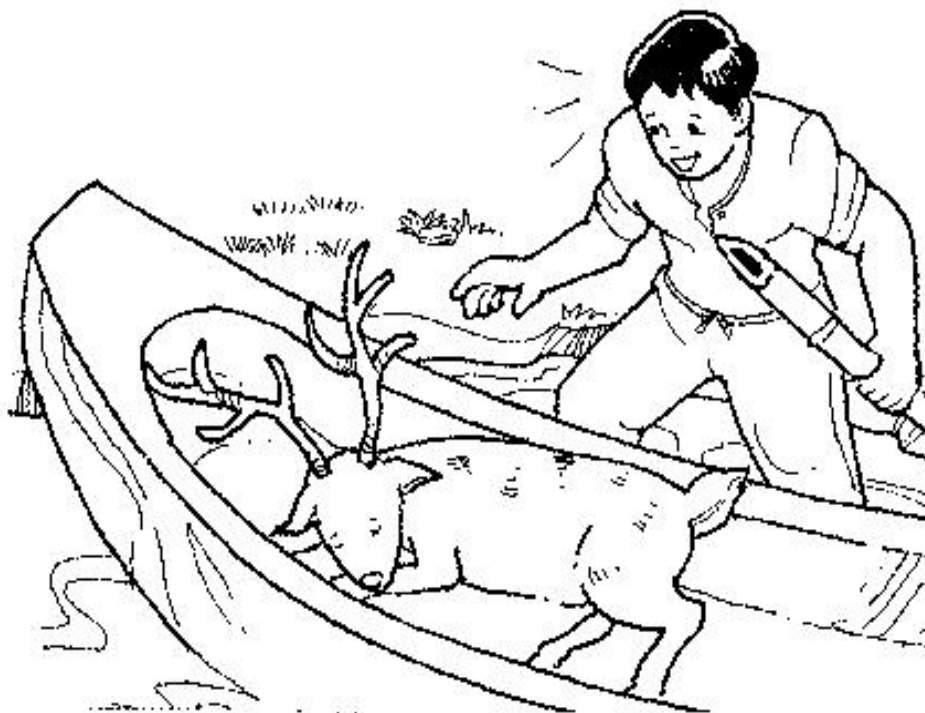
The setting tells about the place where the story happened.

B. Here's another one for you.

THE HUNTER

One early morning Merto decided to go hunting in the forest on the other side of the river. He rode in his banca. When he reached the riverbank he tied his banca to a nearby tree. Then he walked through the forest.

It was already noontime but still he had no catch. "I'm very unlucky this day," he said. So he decided to go back to his banca.



From a distance he saw something inside his banca.

"What is inside my banca? he asked himself. "Is it a lion or a tiger? I'm afraid."

He walked slowly towards his banca.

"Oh, it's a deer! A deer is sleeping inside my banana." he whispered. "How lucky am I today."

Slowly he untied his banca sailed back home.

1. Answer these questions.

- a. Who is the character in the story?
Is it Merto? Yes, he is.
- b. Where did this story take place?
Is it in the forest, in a tree or in his home?
It took place in the forest near the river.
- c. When did the story take place?
In the morning, at noon or in the evening?
It happened one early morning.

In what part of the story, do we find the answer to these questions?

It is found in the beginning of the story.

This part of the story is called the setting of the story.

What does it tell us?

2. Which part of the story told you what was inside the banca? Is it the beginning, the middle or that towards the end of the story?

It is that part towards the end of the story.

Did you expect to see a deer in the banca?

Did it surprise you?

That part of the that tells us what was inside the banca is the climax of the story.

A good climax should be a surprise, an unexpected happening or a funny thing.

3. Read that last sentence of the story.

Slowly he untied his banca and sailed back home.
This is the ending sentence of the story.

You will notice that the ending sentence is very brief. It closes the story quickly.

C. Read this story in parts.

Setting:

Two American tourists went to Baquio City last summer. They went around Baguio City. They stopped in front of the Lourdes Grotto. They tried to count the number of steps in the stairs.

Who are the characters in the story?
Where did the story take place?

Climax:

How I wish could reach the image of the Virgin Mary.” said one of the Americans.

They tried to climb the stairs but they felt nervous. They just reached the 20th step.

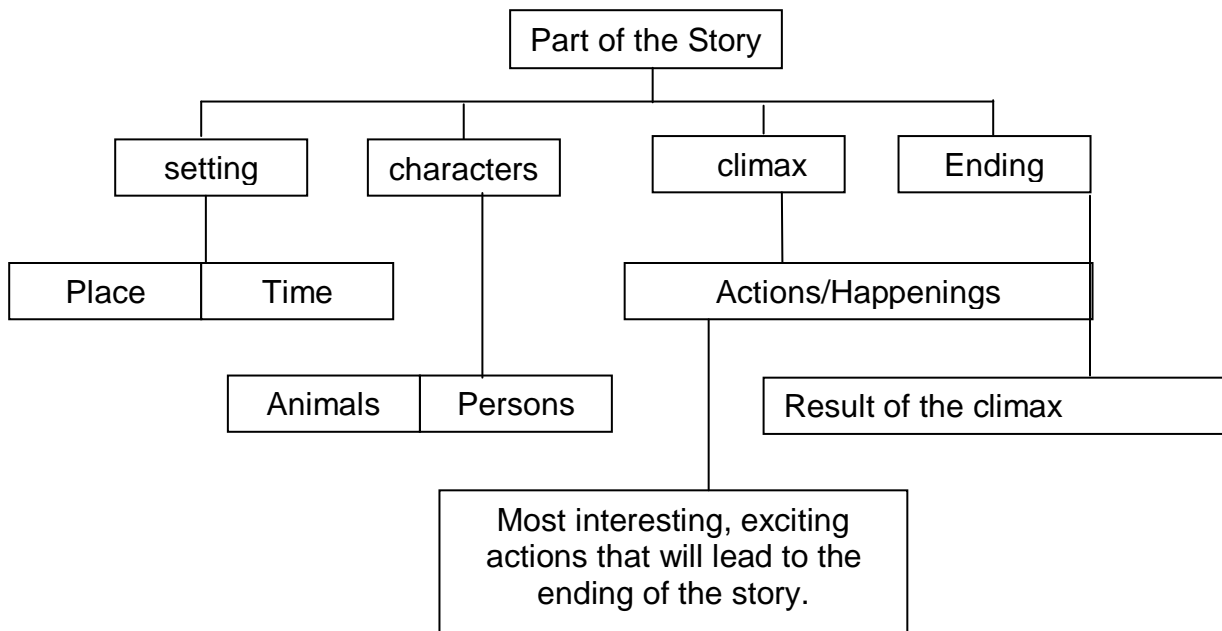
Finally they decided to stop climbing the stairs. They just took the picture of the grotto.

What do you expect the Americans will do?
What was the unexpected thing that happened?

Ending:

The two Americans went down the stairs and rode in their tourist bus.

D. This is called a story frame. Study this diagram. It shows the parts of the story.



The story setting, character, climax and ending.

Read these sentences.

1. What does the setting tell?

The setting tells the place where the story happened, and the time when the story happened.

2. Who are the characters in the story?

The characters are the person s or animals talked about in the story.

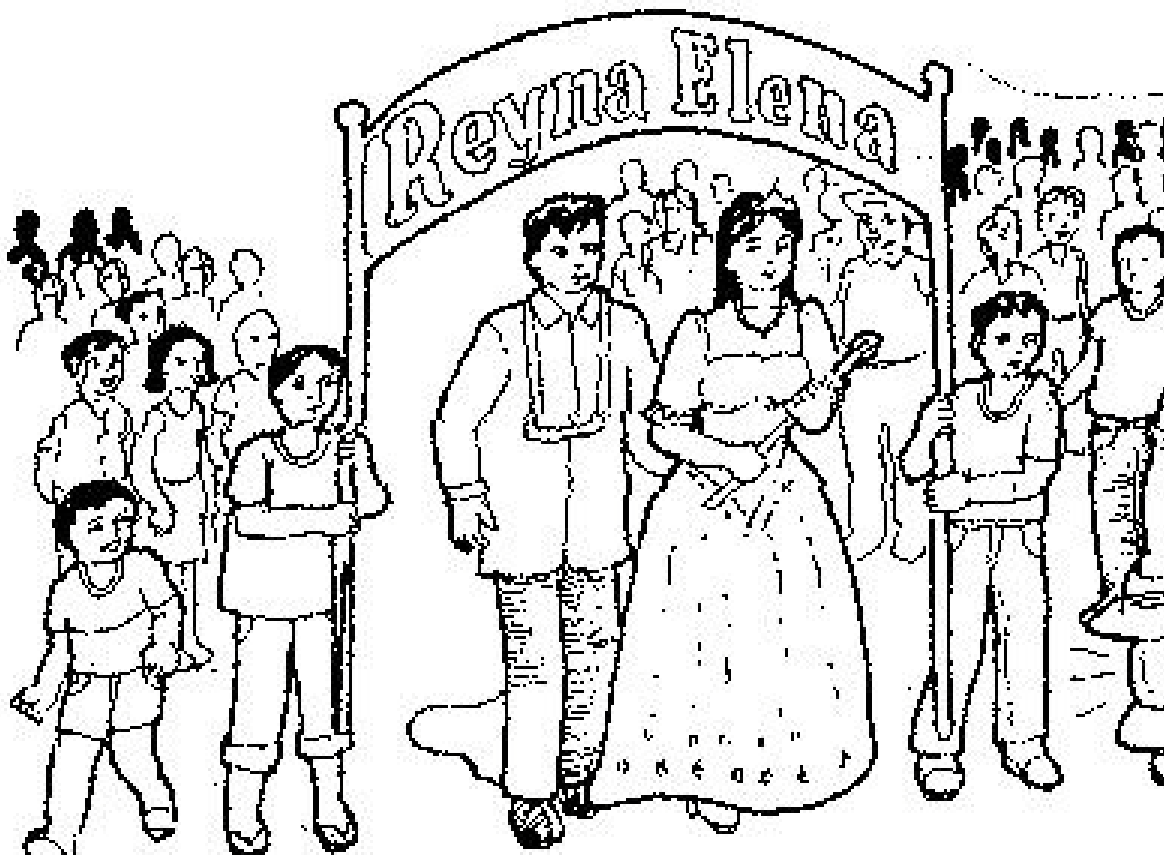
3. What is the climax?

The climax is the most interesting event in the story. This event may be a surprise, an unexpected happenings met by the character in the story.

4. How does the story end?

The story ends right after the climax. The ending of the story is the result of the climax. It tells the ending briefly so that the interest in the climax will be sustained.

E. Read this story.



Nona was chosen the Reyna Elena during the Santacruzán in their barangay. How happy she was! She requested her mother to buy her a white gown and white high-heeled shoes. She could imagine herself to be the most beautiful princess on the night of the procession.

The night of the big event came. The young ladies chosen as the princesses lined up in the streets waiting for the procession to start. Nona was the last one to arrive. Being Reyna Elena she was at the tail of the procession.

Nona walked in a very queenly way. She didn't mind the people looking at her and the path where she was walking. Her high-heeled shoes step on something slippery and she fell down in the street. Her white gown was soiled and her crown was broken.

Nona was so embarrassed. She cried and ran home.

Read and study the parts of this story.

The setting of the story is in the barangay.

The important character in the story is Nona.

The events that happened in the story are:

1. Nona was chosen as Reyna Elena.
2. The princesses lined up in the streets waiting for the procession to start.
3. Nona walk in a very queenly way.
4. Nona stepped on something slippery and fell on the ground.

The climax of the story, which is the unexpected happening was when Nona fell down on the ground.

The story ended when Nona cried and went home.

KEEP IN MIND

The parts of the story are:

- Setting, where and when the story happened.
 - Characters, persons or animals
- Climax, the most exciting action or happening in the story
- Ending, what happened to the characters as a result of the climax.

PRACTICE TIME

A. Read the following group of words.

Write setting if they tell about a place; character if they tell about a person. Write your answer in your notebook.

- _____ 1. in a farm
- _____ 2. Nilo, the Boy Scout
- _____ 3. the Japanese visitors and their tourist guide.
- _____ 4. in the city during Christmas
- _____ 5. our heroes and great men
- _____ 6. Baguio City, the summer capital of the Philippines
- _____ 7. the president and other government officials
- _____ 8. clean, healthy and cheerful children
- _____ 9. near the seashore
- _____ 10. at home during Sundays

B. What would be an appropriate setting for each sentence?

Choose your answer from the choices given.

1. Dr. Crux examines the teeth of Lito and extracts one of his molars.
 - a) in the market
 - b) in a clinic
 - c) in a department store

2. Nilo and his brother are playing with a kite.
 - a) in the field
 - b) in the store
 - c) in the river

3. A group of soldiers is waiting for the general to receive their medals
 - a) on the street
 - b) inside the camp
 - c) under the tree

4. Aling Nena was picking vegetables for their dinner.
 - a) in the garden
 - b) in the market
 - c) in a grocery store

5. A man stood up and gave his seat to a lady passenger.

- a) inside a bus
- b) near a bus stop
- c) in a waiting shed

C. Read these short paragraphs. Complete the sentences after each paragraph.
Write your answer in your notebook.

1. A mother with her two sons were walking in the forest. It was a sunny day. as the day grew hotter the three got tired and thirsty. The two sons asked their mother for some water to drink.

The setting of the story is in the _____.
The characters are _____.

2. The sea giant Silla was once a very beautiful woman. She was loved by the people until she was changed into a sea giant. Today Silla would be seen floating in the sea during storms and high tide.

The setting of the story is in the _____.
The characters are _____.

3. There was once a king who could not hear very well. His doctors in the palace tried to cure him but they all failed. One day a young doctor came to the palace. He told the king that he could cure him with his herbal medicine.

The setting of the story is in the _____.
The characters are _____.

4. Enok was a strong giant who lived at the foot of the mountain. He was a kind giant. He never harmed the people living near the mountain. The people in return gave him food.

The setting of the story is in the _____.
The characters are _____.

5. A ten-year old boy named Yoursef lived in India. His parents were rich. Yuosef could have all the things he wanted because his father was receiving a big salary.

The setting of the story is in the _____.
The characters are _____.

D. Read the story.

THE FRIGHTENED GHOST

Do you believe in ghost?

Grandmother's ghost visited us on the third night after her death.

That was what Mother and my sister told Father when he arrived home from the province. Father laughed at the idea. "How foolish of you to believe in ghost. he laughed."

Mother and my sister couldn't laugh with him. They told Father that they really felt Grandmother's presence on that night. They heard the rattling of pans and plates as if they were being washed in the kitchen. They heard somebody moaning and sighing in the sala. My sister Mona swore she actually saw Grandmother's ghost walking in the sala. Father didn't laugh anymore. He shook his head and took a deep breath.

That evening Mother, Father and my sister were awakened by a loud moaning sound. They heard the rattling of pans and plates in the kitchen. Mother and my sister felt so nervous but Father jumped out from his bed and ran into the kitchen. After a while, shouts of "Aray... Aray" were heard from the kitchen. My mother and my sister ran into the kitchen. They saw Father beating the most frightened ghost that visited us.

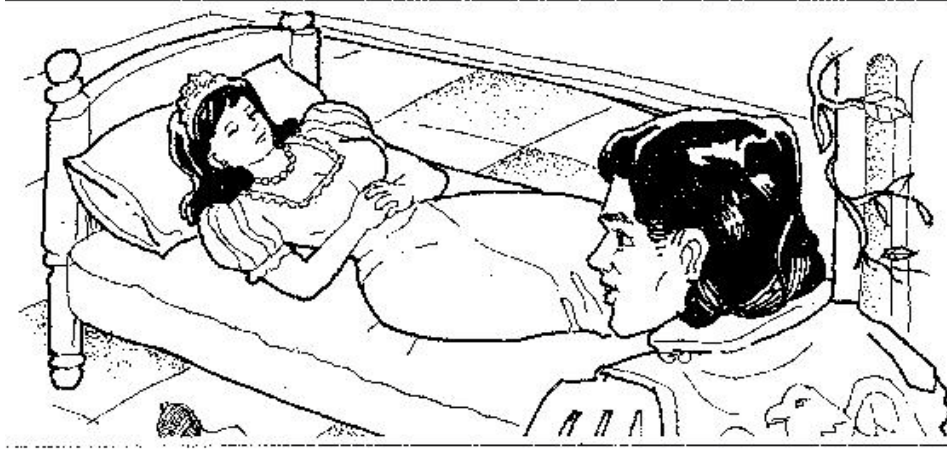
That night I promised that I would never play ghost again.

Write the answer to these questions.

1. What is the setting of the story? Give the time and place.
2. Copy the sentence that gives the climax of the story.
3. How did the ghost feel?
4. Give the ending of the story.

E. Here's another story I'm sure you will enjoy reading.

THE SLEEPING BEAUTY



In a palace many years ago a beautiful princess was born to a king and queen. They named her Rosamond and gave a great party during her baptism. All the wise women were invited except the thirteenth wise woman.

On the day of the party the thirteenth wise woman came. She was so angry for she did not have a golden plate. She left the palace hurriedly and said "Rosamond will not die of hurting her finger with a spindle but she will sleep for a hundred years instead."

The king ordered his servants to burn all the spindle in the palace.

Rosamond grew up and became the loveliest princess in the kingdom.

One day when she was 15 she went around the palace. She entered in one of the rooms and saw a woman with a spindle. She borrowed the spindle and she was wounded. Immediately she fell into a deep sleep. All the people in the kingdom went to sleep, including animals.

After a hundred years a handsome young prince came to the palace. He was surprised of the thick vines that covered the palace. He went inside and saw the lovely sleeping princess. He knelt down and kissed her.

The princess woke up. All the people and the animals woke up too.

The prince and the princess were married and lived happily.

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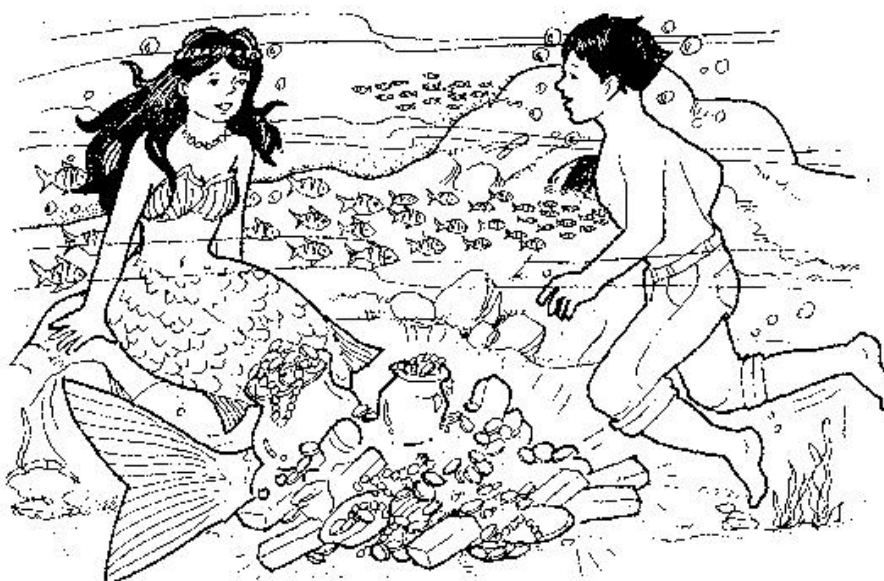
How Well Did You Read?

Answer the following questions.

Write your answers in your notebook.

1. What is the setting of the story?
2. Who are the characters?
3. Who is the most important character in the story?
4. What is the climax of the story?
5. What happened after the climax?

THE MERMAID



Roberto and his father lived in a fishing village near the Agno river. They were industrious fishermen.

One day as they were fishing Roberto's father could not pull the net. "There's someone holding our net," said his father.

Roberto dived into the sea. He went down into the deep sea until he reached a cave. He entered a cave. There were gold, diamonds, pearls and other precious stones hanging on the walls of the cave. He was greatly surprised when he saw a beautiful lady sitting in one corner of the cave.

"I am Lita, the mermaid," she said. A witch changed me into a mermaid to guard these beautiful treasures. I give you a good catch everyday but this morning I hold your net."

Roberto was attracted by the beauty of Lita inspite of her being a mermaid.

“ Will you come with me? Roberto told her.

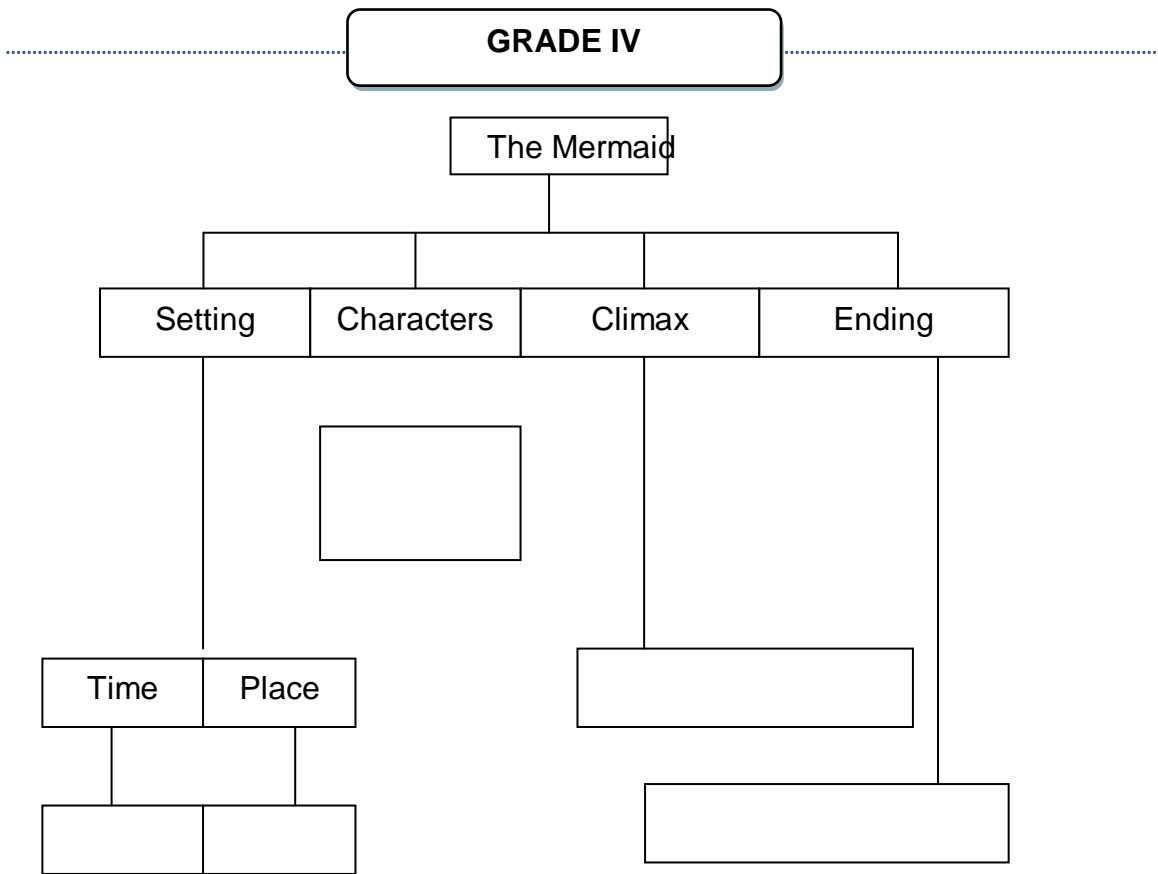
Lita smiled and said “Yes.” When they reached the shore the mermaid was gone. Lita was changed into a beautiful lady.

Roberto and Lita were married and they lived happily.

Study these phrase and sentences. Which of these are appropriate for the boxes in the story frame on the next page?

Copy the story frame in your notebook and write the missing parts.

1. Roberto and his father
2. fishing village
3. Lita the mermaid
4. Roberto’s father, Roberto and Lita
5. one day
6. Agno River
7. dived into the sea
8. the mermaid guarding the treasures
9. Roberto and Lita were married and lived happily
10. The mermaid was changed into a lady.



TEST YOURSELF

A. Read these paragraphs. Find out the words that give the setting of the story and the important characters in each of these paragraphs.

1. One morning all the animals in the farm had a meeting. The rooster started the meeting. Not all the animals were present so the rooster told the hen to call the other animals.
2. There was an old man who went to the forest to gather sticks for firewood.
3. Francis was a young man who worked in a candy factory. He was an industrious worker. The factory owner increased his salary.
4. Lita was walking along the road one afternoon. She saw a wallet. She picked it up. There was nothing inside it except small pieces of paper.
5. It was summer vacation. The children went swimming in the sea. They enjoyed the coolness of the water but they got sunburn.

B. Copy the chart below in your notebook. Write down the setting and the characters from the paragraph in each proper column.

Setting	Character
1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	

C. The words in Column B could be an appropriate setting for each of these situations found in Column A. Select the best setting for each situation and write them in your notebook.

Column A

1. Josefa's mother was preparing food.
2. The sailors could feel the fresh air as they rowed their banca.
3. One day the trees and the bamboos were talking about which of them was stronger.
4. The signboard on the door reads:

SCHEDULE OF BORROWING BOOKS

8:00 – 9:00 A.M.

1:00 – 2:00 P.M.

5. Mother goes from one vendor to another looking for fresh fish.

Column B

- a) at the grocery
- b) in the library
- c) along the seashore
- d) in the dining room
- e) in the garden
- f) in the sea
- g) in the woods
- h) in the market
- i) in the Principal's Office
- j) in the kitchen

D. Read this paragraph. Answer the questions that follow. Write the letter of the correct answer in your notebook.

One morning a farmer caught a hawk with his net. The bird cried to the farmer when it saw him. "Please, kind Farmer set me free."

The farmer did not set the bird free. He brought it home and killed it.

1. Where did the story happen?
 - a. at home
 - b. in the farm
 - c. at the bird's nest
2. Who is the main character in the story?
 - a. the farmer's friend
 - b. the farmer
 - c. the bird
3. When did the story take place?
 - a. at lunch time
 - b. at night
 - c. one morning
4. What was the bird's request?
 - a. "Please take me home"
 - b. "Please set me free."
 - c. "Please kill me."
5. What did the farmer do?
 - a. He set the bird free.
 - b. He didn't set the bird free.
 - c. He sold the bird.
6. How did the story end?
 - a. The farmer let the bird fly.
 - b. The farmer killed the bird.
 - c. The farmer sold the bird.

E. Read the story.

One day a goat was walking through a field looking for water to drink. He found a well and tried to drink from it, but he fell into the well.

The water was so deep. He could just keep his head above it. He tried to climb out but he could not. He shouted for help.

Nobody came to help him. He was so sad and began to think. Then he saw a wolf looking down into the well.

"Please Mr. Wolf, do help me," he cried. Help me to get out of the well. I don't want to get drowned."

"Poor Mr. Goat. I feel sorry for you. How did you fall into the well? Answer these questions. Write your answer in your notebook.

1. What is the setting of the story?

2. Who are the characters?

3. What happened to the goat?

4. What is the climax of the story?

5. What is the ending of the story?

Did you do well in the test?

If so, Congratulations! Keep up the good work.

