

Setting the Scene

21 Writing Prompts for Setting a Scene in Your Novel

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1. Where does the scene take place?
2. What do the immediate surroundings look like?
3. What time of day is it?
4. Can you intensify the scene with meaningful similes, metaphors or personification?
5. How does the point-of-view character feel emotionally?
6. What do they feel physically?
7. What do the characters hear?
8. What do those sounds remind them of?
9. What do their voices sound like?
10. What do the characters facial expressions look like?
11. What are they physically doing at this moment?
12. What are the characters saying, or not saying?
13. What are they remembering?
14. What can they smell?
15. What do those smells remind them of?
16. Can your characters taste anything?
17. What is the conflict in this scene?
18. How does the scene's conflict reflect the overall conflict of the story?
19. What do your characters want at this moment?
20. Are there any opportunities to foreshadow future events in this scene?
21. How do your overall themes connect to this scene?