



Setting and Mood Worksheet

For Elementary Students

When scriptwriters think about the different settings they want to use in their script, they often think about the setting or scene's mood. Mood can be thought of as the emotional response a scriptwriter would like to get from their audience. For example, if a scriptwriter wants the audience on the edge of its seat, filled with suspense, he or she might choose a setting that is on the top of a tall building that is on fire. For each of the settings described below, write what kind of mood (or moods) you think the scriptwriter is trying to make you feel (for example, happy, sad, scary, etc.)

INT. PARLOR, ABANDONED MANSION - NIGHT

BORIS stands alone. SPIDERWEBS hang from the ceiling. We see a MOUSE scurry across the floor. A DUST-COVERED PIANO sits in the corner of the room. The sound ONE PIANO KEY, slowly PLAYING over and over again is playing chimes in the background.

What mood do you feel after reading the setting description above?

INT. LE CAFÉ - PARIS, FRANCE - NIGHT

ABIGAIL sits near a WINDOW, looking out at the EIFFEL TOWER. VIOLINS play in the distance. Couples are at all the tables, talking and laughing. She smiles and touches a GOLD LOCKET that hangs around her neck.

What mood do you feel after reading the setting description above?

INT. SPORTS CAR - HIGHWAY 1 - DAY

BORIS and IVAN speed NEAR A CLIFF. The CARS' WHEELS are SKIDDING dangerously close to the edge. BORIS' FACE is covered in sweat.

What mood do you feel after reading the setting description above?

INT. SUPERCOMPANY, INC - DOWNTOWN MANHATTAN - DAY

ABIGAIL frantically bashes out an email. PHONES are RINGING off the hook and people are SHOUTING across the room to one another. People type on their COMPUTERS at breakneck speeds. Men and women in suits hurry past one another down the halls.

What mood do you feel after reading the setting description above?



Now you try! We'll list a mood, and you try to come up with some setting details to help create that mood.

1. Sad

2. Scary

3. Funny

4. Peaceful

5. Dangerous

