

# The Setting In Me

**Walt:** Select and use vocabulary and phrases to enable my reader to form a visual image in their mind.

**Task:** Write about a setting that shares similar personality traits as you. Describe your personality and setting and all the similarities you share. Design an interesting self created visual to represent your ideas also.

Learn	Create	Share
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Read the model text. What language features has the author used to share their ideas?</li><li>2. Find an image of your setting to use as inspiration for your writing. Think about the activities, objects, people, smells, colors, overall feel of the place, etc. that come to mind when you think of this setting.</li><li>3. Plan and draft you writing here</li></ol>	<p>Create an interesting visual that illustrates all the shared qualities between you and your chosen setting. You can do this digitally or on paper.</p> <p>Paper: The visual should NOT be a cut-out of a single picture from a magazine pasted onto your paper.</p> <p>Digital images: Need to be self created using sumo paint/google drawing or google slide collage.</p> <p>You may like to use a silhouette of yourself then include the aspects of the setting within that.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. With a partner swap writing. Read your partner's paragraph and sketch the visual image you get. Label the sketch using words your partner used. Share and compare to your partner's visual.</li><li>2. Post your finished visual and your paragraph on your blog along with an explanation of the activity, the WALT and reflection on how you went with your writing.</li><li>3. Send your visual and writing to Mrs P for printing so we can also display for others to read.</li></ol>

## Planning example

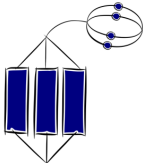
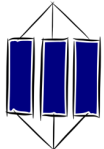
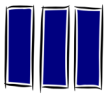


Qualities of the Setting	How this quality is similar to me (include specific details from your life)
Too Vague: The ocean is always moving.	Too Vague (doesn't include specific details). I move all day long.
Improved: The waves of an ocean are constantly crashing, and underneath, swarms of sea life dart to and fro and currents move like the wind under water.	Improved: It's not just my busy schedule that keeps me on the move with Student Council, Jazz Band and Volleyball. When I talk, you would think I was fluent in sign language with all my gestures and animated facial expressions. And even sitting still, my feet and fingers are tapping away at the next musical piece I am perfecting.

### Paragraph Model:

*I am like the ocean both above the surface, with its steady but ever changing waves, and its constant movement and mysterious treasures below. Like the rhythmic beat of the crashing surf along the shore, I am usually fairly predictable. I have my routines - an alarm clock that tells me 7am is here, classes, sports, dinner and homework at the same times almost every day. My personality too is fairly even. As waves gently roll toward the beach on a clear summer day, I too, can possess that same easy-going attitude, rolling-with-the punches feeling. I have learned in life it is better not to get caught up in the rip tides of worry and pettiness which can pull you down. Yet, that stubborn Italian streak which I can't seem to escape will sometimes surface and then, my mood can turn fierce and severe, much like the turbulence of the water on a stormy day. You don't have to be close to me to know to stay away then, the same way a surfer might watch from afar when the waves are too dangerous to ride. With its swarms of sea life that dart to and fro and currents which move like the wind under water, those who observe will see the same is true of me. It's not just my busy schedule that keeps me on the move with Student Council, Jazz Band and Volleyball. When I talk, you would think I was fluent in sign language with all my gestures and animated facial expressions. And even sitting still, my feet and fingers are tapping away at the next musical piece I am perfecting. And like the ocean's many buried treasures, I have many hidden secrets that I don't give up easily like the poems and songs I write but never share. If you get to know me, you will see the ocean's setting in me.*

# Rubric for Setting in Me Descriptive Writing

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Score	Writing	Visual
 <p>Extended Abstract</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engaging topic sentence that identifies the major ideas covered in the paragraph.</li> <li>Written a minimum of 10 sentences</li> <li>Many connections between the setting and writer.</li> <li>Ideas have specific examples from your life to show how you show the qualities and characteristics being written about.</li> <li>Uses descriptive language including active verbs, descriptive adjectives and metaphor, simile or personification.</li> </ul>	<p>Visual takes up the entire page and is neat and colorful.</p> <p>The visual is detailed, showing <u>a scene</u> (or multiple pictures connected to your setting) which represents the many traits and attributes described in the paragraph.</p>
 <p>Relational</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Topic sentence which identifies the setting being written about.</li> <li>Written a minimum of 8 sentences</li> <li>Makes connections between the setting and yourself throughout the paragraph.</li> <li>Included some examples from your life to show how you demonstrates the qualities /characteristics being written about OR may give examples of how this setting has these qualities</li> <li>Included interesting verbs and adjectives to enhance your writing</li> </ul>	<p>Visual takes up the entire page and is neat, and colorful. Visual shows a <u>scene</u> with some of the traits and attributes from the paragraph.</p>
 <p>Multistructural</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basic topic sentence introduced topic</li> <li>Written between 5-8 sentences</li> <li>Connections made between the setting and yourself without any specific examples.</li> <li>Some interesting adjectives used to describe</li> </ul>	<p>Has a neat and colorful visual that takes up the entire page but the picture does not capture or show the traits and characteristics he/she is writing about.</p>
 <p>Unistructural</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has written a minimum 5 sentence paragraph,</li> <li>Writing describes the setting.</li> <li>Limited connections made to self and setting.</li> <li>Includes basic descriptive language.</li> </ul>	<p>Is done in what appears to be a very hurried manner (ie. a single picture cut out from a magazine, a simple lead pencil drawing which lacks any kind of details). Picture does not take up the entire page.</p>
 <p>Prestructural</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimal writing 4 sentences or less</li> <li>Writing not linked to setting or self</li> <li>Plagiarized.</li> <li>Language / content is inappropriate or basic.</li> </ul>	<p>No visual or visual is inappropriate. Paper is ripped or crumpled.</p>

## ***Possible Settings to Choose From***

- a carnival or amusement park
- a children's playground
- a park
- a river, waterfall or lake
- a forest, mountain, jungle or desert
- the beach
- a rock concert
- an airport or train station
- a big city (ie. New York, San Francisco, London, Paris, etc.)
- a tropical island
- a volcano
- a cruise ship
- a movie theater
- a haunted house
- a baseball, soccer or football stadium
- a golf course
- a fitness gym
- a farm or ranch
- a waterslide park
- a wild animal park or zoo
- a computer lab
- a library
- a science lab
- a place of business like the post office, a restaurant, a bakery, a coffee house, etc. the moon, a planet or outer space
- a starship or space station
- an arcade
- a campsite or cabin
- a cemetery
- a beauty parlor
- an antique shop