

# Creating a setting

Remember that you can use these techniques to help you with your writing:

- Use details based on senses—sight, sound, smell, taste, touch
- Base settings on a known place and then add invented details
- Use real or invented names to bring places alive
- Create atmosphere by writing about:
  - \* What is hidden
  - \* What is dangerous
  - \* What looks unusual
  - \* What is out of place
- Describe the weather, time of day, season, as well as the place
- Lull the reader into a false sense of security that all is well
- Use a mixture of long and short sentences for pace
- Use sentence fragments to build tension
- Use “and” more than once in a list to make it pile up and seem more than it really is
- Ask questions to make your reader empathise with your character