

Cozy  
Mystery  
Writer's  
Notebook

You can print as many  
**Elements of a Scene**  
templates as you need!

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# Elements of a Scene

Time/Place:

Characters:

What does your character want to accomplish in this scene?	1	The reader needs a reason to keep reading.
What is preventing your character from achieving the goal?	2	Every scene needs some conflict, tension, or suspense to keep the reader engaged. Maybe it is hard to find the clue.
How is this scene moving the mystery forward?	3	What happens in this scene needs to move the story forward.
Does your character change or confirm the sleuth's mind about the mystery?	4	Keeping the reader guessing is good, and adding a red herring or two is better!
What is the surprising element / clue / red herring in this scene?	5	Keep the reader guessing and reading.

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# Elements of a Scene

Time/Place:

Characters:

The form consists of five horizontal rectangular sections stacked vertically. Each section is open on the right side, forming a pointed shape. The sections are numbered 1 through 5 from top to bottom. The numbers are placed near the right-pointing tip of each section.

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

# Elements of a Scene

Time/Place:

Characters:

A vertical form consisting of five horizontal rectangular sections stacked on top of each other. Each section is open on the right side, forming a pointed shape. The sections are numbered 1 through 5 from top to bottom. The numbers are placed near the right-pointing tip of each section.

# Elements of a Scene

Time/Place:

Characters:

A vertical form consisting of five horizontal rectangular sections stacked vertically. Each section is outlined in black and has a pointed right side. The sections are numbered 1 through 5 from top to bottom. The numbers are placed near the right-pointing tip of each section.

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

# Elements of a Scene

Time/Place:

Characters:

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