

# Where / When Writing Trick #2

## What is the Where / When Writing Trick?

This writing trick is a way to make your sentences, stories, and essays more powerful by adding setting. When you explain where and when something is taking place, the reader is able to understand and enjoy your writing on a much deeper level.

Example 1: A bird chirped happily.



In the large oak tree outside my room a bird chirped happily in the cool summer breeze  
(Where) (When)

Example 2: British ships bombed Fort McHenry for hours.



Off the shores of Baltimore British ships bombed Fort McHenry for hours  
in the early morning of September 14, 1814.

I. Directions: Fill in the blanks with a phrase that explains **where** and **when** the action in the sentence takes place.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ dozens of boys were playing soccer \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



2. \_\_\_\_\_ a wolf \_\_\_\_\_ howled at  
the moon. ( Example: At midnight / sitting at the edge of a cliff )

3. A submarine \_\_\_\_\_  
raised its periscope to focus on its target.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ the pirate looked \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ for the perfect spot to bury his treasure.



5. The racecar driver \_\_\_\_\_ speed past the leader  
\_\_\_\_\_ to win the race.

6. \_\_\_\_\_ we set up  
our tent \_\_\_\_\_.



7. The principal stood at the microphone \_\_\_\_\_  
ready to address the audience \_\_\_\_\_.



8. \_\_\_\_\_ the band marched past  
the crowd \_\_\_\_\_.

9. The fans \_\_\_\_\_ cheered as the  
dolphins \_\_\_\_\_ jumped through the flaming hoops.

10. \_\_\_\_\_ the lifeguard blew his whistle  
to warn the swimmers \_\_\_\_\_ to be careful.



II. Directions: On a separate sheet of paper, make up a sentence about each picture below. Include a WHERE and WHEN phrase in each sentence.

