**Features of a Story Setting**

**The Gobi desert sands were as hot as hell and small creatures scurried across it as though it was on fire. It was a wonder anything could survive in that brutal, dry, sweltering landscape.**

**Silently, huge rocks towered above the ground like giants gazing down upon the land. Daytime passed. Not a single speck of rain…**

**Finally, night fell and darkness covered the sand like an arid blanket. Gradually, dark purple clouds began to fill the night sky. The desert creatures watched and hoped. For a moment everything stopped…Even the wind held its breath until a jagged, startling streak of light flashed across the sky. A deep rumble of thunder growled like an angry lion. Suddenly the rain clouds released their heavy drops of rain which splattered on the parched ground.**

**Overnight, the sandy, cracked ground drank the rain thirstily and shades of green began to shoot towards the scorching sun. Almost instantly the desert was an emerald sea. Prickly plants glistened and glimmered in the glow of the sun’s rays.**