

We are learning to
generate ideas for a story.
(characters and setting)

- Over the next weeks we will be creating and writing a journey story together to teach other people about recycling.
- We will be using the story ***Somebody Swallowed Stanley*** by Sarah Roberts as inspiration for our stories.



The story *Somebody Swallowed Stanley* is about a plastic bag who goes on a journey through the ocean. Along the way he meets lots of animals and causes them lots of problems. It is not until a boy recycles him that he is able to be saved and so are the animals.

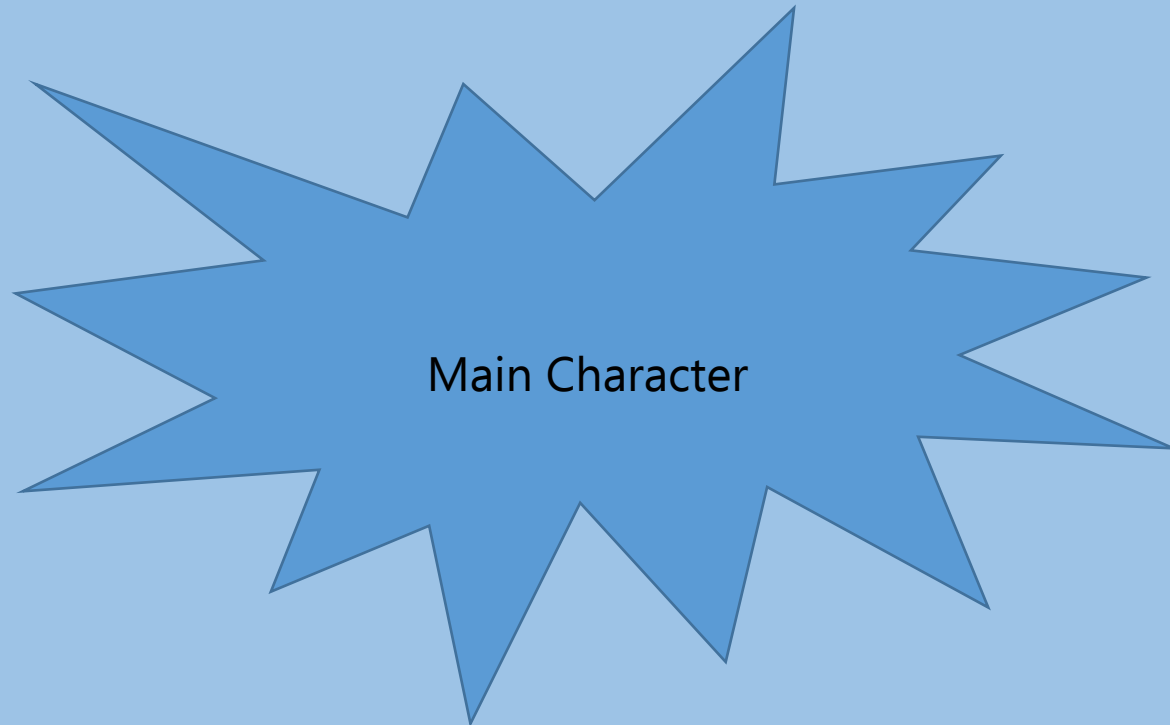


What does the story teach us?

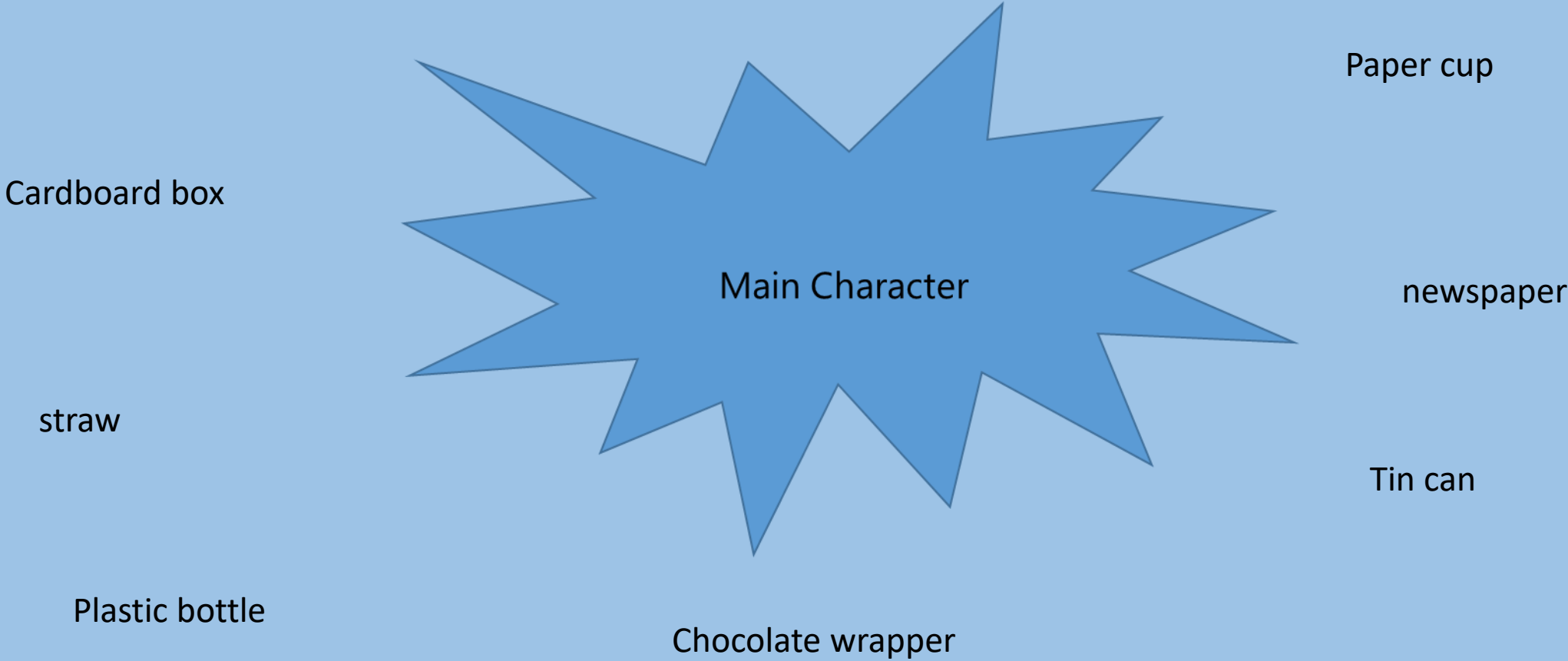
This book teaches us the importance of recycling! It teaches us that without recycling lots of animals could get hurt. When we write our stories we need to make sure it teaches others about recycling.

Before we write or plan our stories we need to think of lots of ideas and then we can choose the best one! Before we start generating ideas find a pencil and piece of paper to create mind maps as you move through each slide of the pdf.

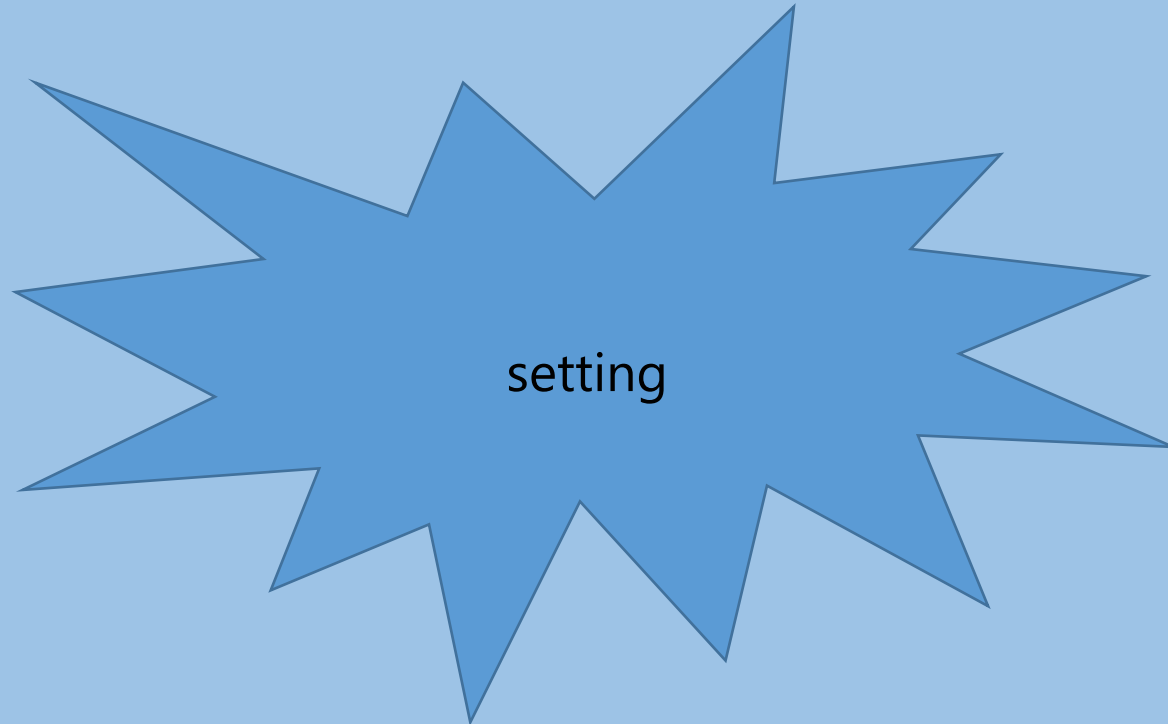
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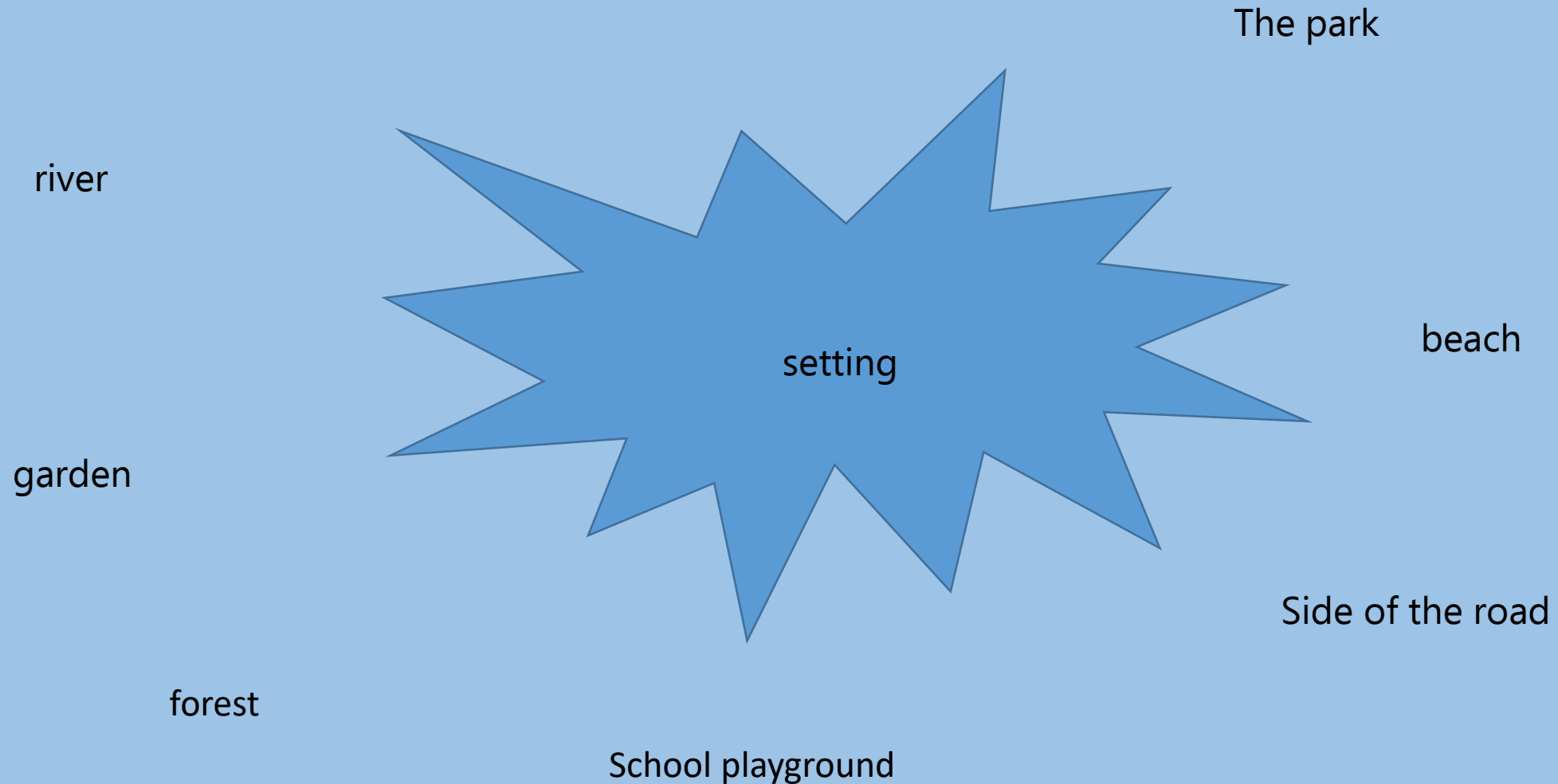
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We need to come up with a setting. The setting must be somewhere the main character might end up if they weren't recycled.



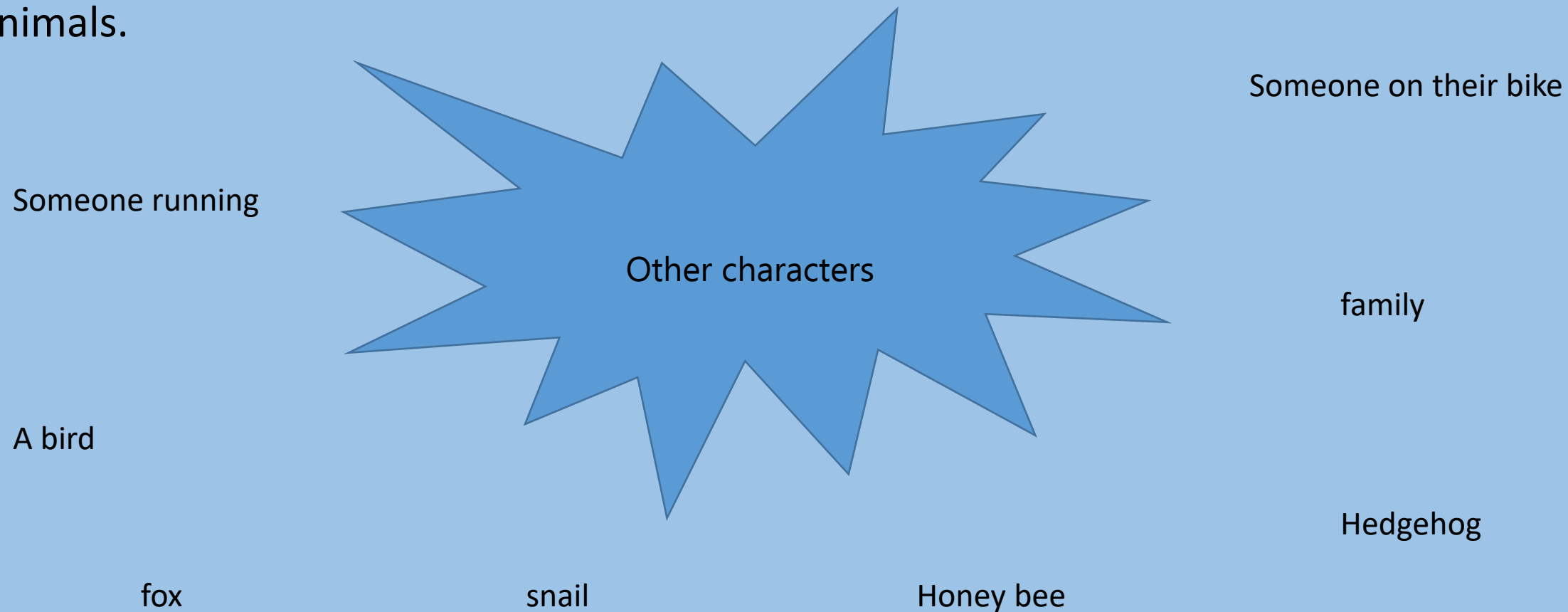
We need to come up with a setting. The setting must be somewhere the main character might end up if they weren't recycled. This is likely to be somewhere it has been dropped as litter.



Now you have a selection of main characters and settings. Think about which ones would work together. For example if you chose a **plastic bottle** as your **main character**, it might work well being dropped in the woods therefore your **setting** would be the **woods**.



Choose the best main character and setting! I'm going to pick the plastic bottle and the woods. You choose whichever one you want. Now we need to think about who the main character might meet along the way. These might be people or animals.



Keep your ideas safe as we will continue with these in the next Literacy session: problem and resolution.