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Understanding Setting

Directions: Setting is the time period and place in which a story happens. By describing the setting of a story, an author can help you imagine living in that world. Answer the questions below to help you understand the setting in "The Big One."

1. Look at the illustration on page 10. What does it tell you about the main setting of the story?

2. Near the beginning of the story, Joe remembers taking a trip on his dad's friend's fishing boat. How did Joe feel in this setting? How did his family feel?

3. Using details from the story, describe where the ice-fishing trip takes place. Why is Joe worried about his dad in this setting?

4. How do Joe's dad's feelings about fishing change in this setting? How does Joe react to the change?
