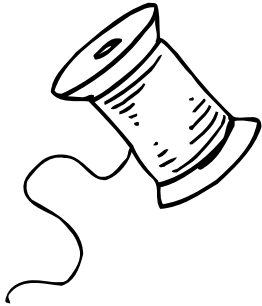


Name _____

Realism and Fantasy

- A **realistic story** tells about something that could happen.
- A **fantasy** is a story about something that could never happen.



Directions Read the following passage.

When the Kellys came across the sea to America, Dad got a job sweeping streets. Everyone else got a job at the mill. Mom wove cloth at a loom. Patrick swept floors. Missy was a bobbin girl. She put new spools of thread on the machines when they were empty.

Mom made a dollar a day. The children made only a few pennies. "I wish you didn't have to work," said Dad. "But we need the money." "We'll never get rich," said Patrick. "Maybe someday we'll start our own business," said Mom. "Then we'll make more money."

Directions Complete the chart. Tell what happens and whether or not it could happen. Then tell if the story is a realistic story or a fantasy. Explain why.

What Happens?	Could This Happen? (Check one)
Dad gets a job sweeping streets.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>Answers will vary, but they should be events that are told in the passage.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>This story is a realistic story because the characters and events could happen.</p>	

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Home Activity Your child identified a story as a realistic story by determining that events in cotton mills one hundred years ago could have happened. Tell your child about events that happened a long time ago. Also, make up some things that could not happen. Ask your child to tell whether the events could really happen or not.