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Realism and Fantasy • Monitor and Fix Up

- A **realistic story** tells about something that could happen.
- A **fantasy** story could never happen. Some stories are mostly realistic but may include events that are fantasy.
- **Check your understanding** as you read. If you are not sure about something, you can **reread** parts.

Directions Read the following passage.

Jennifer had a loose tooth. When she was brushing her teeth, she noticed that the tooth had fallen out. She looked into the sink, and the tooth was not there. She checked to see if it was stuck in her toothbrush and then looked into the sink

again. The tooth was missing. Jennifer had really lost her tooth! Out of the corner of her eye she saw something moving. Then she heard something cheerfully say, “I found it!” Her toothbrush was pushing the missing tooth toward her.

Directions Complete the chart. Tell what’s real and what’s not. Then tell if the story is a realistic story or a fantasy.



What's Real?	What's Not?
1. Jennifer had a loose tooth.	4. The toothbrush said, “I found it!”
2. Jennifer’s tooth fell out.	5. The toothbrush was pushing the tooth.
3. Jennifer looked for her tooth.	

6. This story is a fantasy .

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Home Activity Your child identified a story as a fantasy by finding something in it that could not happen in real life. List all of the events in the story for your child in the order they happened. Ask if each event could really happen. Explain that if just one thing happens that isn’t real, the story is a fantasy.