

Name _____

Realism and Fantasy

- A **realistic selection** could really happen. **Nonfiction** writing gives facts and is realistic.
- In a **fantasy**, things happen that are not real. A **fantasy** is fiction writing, but **nonfiction** writing can give facts about a fantasy.

Directions Read the following passage.

Do you like books? You can read lots of books at a library. Most people have favorite stories—ones they like better than others. Which story do you like best? Some like the story of Peter Rabbit.

In this story, a rabbit goes into a garden. The owner chases him. Peter loses a shoe and his jacket. Peter gets away, but he is sick. His mother makes him drink tea. He has to stay in bed.

Directions Complete the chart. Tell what’s real and what’s not.

What’s Real?	What’s Not?
1. Reading books at a library	3. A rabbit wears shoes, jacket.
2. A story about Peter Rabbit	4. The rabbit mother gives Peter tea.

5. Using what you know about rabbits, write two nonfiction sentences telling about how real rabbits live.

Students should write two sentences containing facts about real rabbits.

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Home Activity Your child identified some things in writing that are fantasy. Read stories in which animals talk, wear clothes, and do other things that humans do. Discuss whether animals really do these things. Ask your child whether the stories are real or imaginary.