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Realism and Fantasy

- A **realistic story** tells about something that could happen.
- A **fantasy** is a story about something that could not happen.

Directions Read each sentence below. Write *R* on the line if it comes from a realistic story or *F* if it comes from a fantasy.

1. **R** People used picks, shovels, and pans in their search for gold in California.
2. **F** Workers from across America flew to California on golden geese when the Gold Rush began in 1849.
3. **R** People from all over the world traveled to San Francisco with hopes of striking it rich.
4. **F** Nuggets of gold were found buried in dirt and growing on trees during the California Gold Rush.
5. **R** Miners took baths in rivers when they were not busy searching for gold.
6. **R** At the very beginning of the Gold Rush, people could find gold simply by looking down into rivers.
7. **F** Parts of the sun sometimes break off and fall to Earth as nuggets of gold.
8. **F** News of the California Gold Rush spread quickly through newspapers and television.