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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 the following passage. Then answer the questions below.

A boom town grew around the salt lick. Animals spent their days there. They brought their newspapers to the salt lick. Some animals brought their knitting and mending. The animals also brought coins. A clever raccoon built a store beside the

salt lick. She sold ribbons and skilletts and ladders and picks. She also sold cold drinks. Soon the salt lick had a book store, a movie house, and a hot dog stand. Animals built houses near the salt lick. They also built a school and a park.

1. Is this paragraph a realistic story or a fantasy?

It's a fantasy.

2. What is the first thing in the paragraph that makes you know what kind of story it is?

animals bringing their newspapers to the salt lick

3. Why is it not realistic to say that animals brought knitting and mending to the salt lick?

Animals are not able to knit and sew.

4. What fantasy activity does the raccoon complete?

The raccoon builds a store.

5. When would it be realistic to have a boom town with a book store and a movie house?

in a boom town with people, not animals