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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.

**M**r. Post explained to the class that he spent the summer working on a volunteer project. He asked the class if they would like to organize a volunteer project to complete during the school year. All the students had suggestions to offer. Someone mentioned that the class

could start a recycling program to reduce waste. Another pointed out that students could help the elderly bring their groceries home. Another suggested raking leaves for people. Parents also were excited about the project and wanted to pitch in.

1. Is this paragraph realism or fantasy?

**realism**

2. Explain your decision in Question 1. **Possible responses given for 2–5.**

**The paragraph describes activities that could happen in many communities.**

3. What is one realistic idea proposed by the students?

**start a recycling program; help the elderly bring home groceries; rake leaves for people**

4. Is it realistic for parents to want to help? Why or why not?

**Yes. Parents often want to do volunteer work and help their children.**

5. Write a new first sentence that would make this paragraph seem like a fantasy.

**Mr. Post, the new teacher, was a frog, and he wanted to help the elephants in the neighborhood gather wood chips.**