

Realistic Fiction vs. Fantasy

When an author writes a story that can really happen it is called **realistic fiction**. The story is about people and events in their lives. The story does not need to be true, it can be created by the author. When an author writes a story that is not realistic, something that could not happen it is called **fantasy**.

Look at the phrases below and decide if they would be included in realistic fiction or fantasy.

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| 1. The monster approached the cabin... | Realistic Fiction | Fantasy |
| 2. Mary went to the store to buy a present. | Realistic Fiction | Fantasy |
| 3. In the castle, the fairies waited for the prince | Realistic Fiction | Fantasy |
| 4. Linda was celebrating her tenth birthday. | Realistic Fiction | Fantasy |
| 5. The boys caught the frogs in the pond | Realistic Fiction | Fantasy |
| 6. The dragon's tail knocked down the door. | Realistic Fiction | Fantasy |

Write a short paragraph that is an example of realistic fiction.

Write a short paragraph that is an example of fantasy.
