

Real or Picture?

Sort sentences by how the words mean.

ELA.3.V.1.3 “Use context clues, figurative language, word relationships, reference materials, and/or background knowledge to determine the meaning of multiple-meaning and unknown words and phrases, appropriate to grade level.”

NAME _____

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REAL MEANING

The words mean exactly what they say.

The turtle moved slowly across the path.

PICTURE MEANING

The words make a picture in your mind. They mean something different from the exact words.

The stars were diamonds in the sky.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Part 1: Circle REAL or PICTURE for each sentence, then Part 2: choose two items, one from each category, and explain which words helped you decide.

1. The baby has tiny hands.

REAL

PICTURE

2. My backpack is a mountain of books.

REAL

PICTURE

3. The moon smiled down at us.

REAL

PICTURE

4. Dad sliced the orange in half.

REAL

PICTURE

5. The dog wagged its tail.

REAL

PICTURE

6. After the test, Maya was on cloud nine.

REAL

PICTURE

7. A bee landed on the yellow flower.

REAL

PICTURE

8. The chef stirred the hot soup.

REAL

PICTURE

2 PROVE IT Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN One of each

Write one new REAL example and one new PICTURE example.

REAL _____

PICTURE _____

CHALLENGE

Write two sentences with the word cold. Use cold literally in one sentence and figuratively in the other. Label each sentence.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The baby has tiny hands.	REAL	Tiny hands means the baby's hands are actually small.
2	My backpack is a mountain of books.	PICTURE	The backpack is not a real mountain. It holds many books.
3	The moon smiled down at us.	PICTURE	The moon cannot really smile.
4	Dad sliced the orange in half.	REAL	The orange was actually cut into two parts.
5	The dog wagged its tail.	REAL	A dog can really wag its tail.
6	After the test, Maya was on cloud nine.	PICTURE	Maya was not on a cloud. The phrase means she was very happy.
7	A bee landed on the yellow flower.	REAL	A bee can really land on a flower.
8	The chef stirred the hot soup.	REAL	The soup was actually hot, and the chef stirred it.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **REAL:** The rain soaked my shoes.
- **PICTURE:** The rain danced on the roof.

Challenge: REAL: I wore gloves because the snow was cold. PICTURE: He gave me a cold look.

Accept explanations that identify exact meaning for REAL sentences or explain the different meaning of a PICTURE phrase. For the challenge, cold means low temperature in the first sentence and unfriendly in the second.