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."

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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

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.

ANSWER KEY

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