Story or Fact?

Use details to tell two kinds of writing apart.

6.2.R.2 "Students will analyze details in fiction, poetry, and nonfiction texts to distinguish genres."

NAME _____ DATE _____

FICTION

Fiction tells a made-up story. Some details may seem real, but the writer invents the events.

A cloud librarian lent a dragon a book of thunder.

NONFICTION

Nonfiction gives information about the real world. Its facts can be checked.

An octopus has eight arms and three hearts.

1 SORT

8 items

In Part 1, circle FICTION or NONFICTION for each item; in Part 2, choose two items and explain which detail helped you sort each one.

1. A shy robot planted buttons that grew into trees. FICTION NONFICTION

2. The Moon takes about 27 days to orbit Earth. FICTION NONFICTION

3. A thermometer measures temperature. FICTION NONFICTION

4. Mira found a door that led to yesterday. FICTION NONFICTION

5. The river whispered Tali's name and gave her a silver key. FICTION NONFICTION

6. Bees carry pollen between flowers. FICTION NONFICTION

7. A giant painted the sunrise purple with a broom. FICTION NONFICTION

8. When the train stopped, Jo saw the city had vanished into a teacup. FICTION NONFICTION

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 FICTION sentence and one new NONFICTION sentence.

FICTION _____

NONFICTION _____

CHALLENGE

Write two sentences about the same topic, one FICTION and one NONFICTION; label each sentence and underline the detail that shows its genre.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	A shy robot planted buttons that grew into trees.	**FICTION**	Buttons growing into trees is an invented event.
2	The Moon takes about 27 days to orbit Earth.	**NONFICTION**	This is a checkable fact about the Moon.
3	A thermometer measures temperature.	**NONFICTION**	This states a checkable fact about a tool.
4	Mira found a door that led to yesterday.	**FICTION**	A door leading to yesterday is an invented event.
5	The river whispered Tali's name and gave her a silver key.	**FICTION**	The river speaks and gives a gift, which signals an invented story.
6	Bees carry pollen between flowers.	**NONFICTION**	This states a checkable fact about bees.
7	A giant painted the sunrise purple with a broom.	**FICTION**	A giant painting the sunrise is an invented event.
8	When the train stopped, Jo saw the city had vanished into a teacup.	**FICTION**	A city vanishing into a teacup is an invented event.

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)

- **FICTION**: A bicycle begged its rider for a day off.
- **NONFICTION**: A magnet attracts iron.

Challenge: FICTION: A turtle flew over the ocean on paper wings. NONFICTION: A turtle breathes air with lungs.

For Part 2, accept two numbered items with explanations that point to an invented event or a checkable fact. For Part 3, accept new sentences that clearly fit their labels.