

February Reading Comprehension Focus  
*Fantasy~Realism*

**All about Fantasy and Realism**

**Definitions:**

- \* **Fantasy** is usually found in Folk and Fairy Tales. It involves literature in which the plot and characters are imaginary. Fantasy can also be found in stories that contain Realism. For example, a dog eating from his bowl is real but when he starts to speak English, that is fantasy. .
- \* **Realism** means something is true, that it actually exists, that it is genuine and authentic. Realistic stories are non-fiction. They cannot contain fantasy.

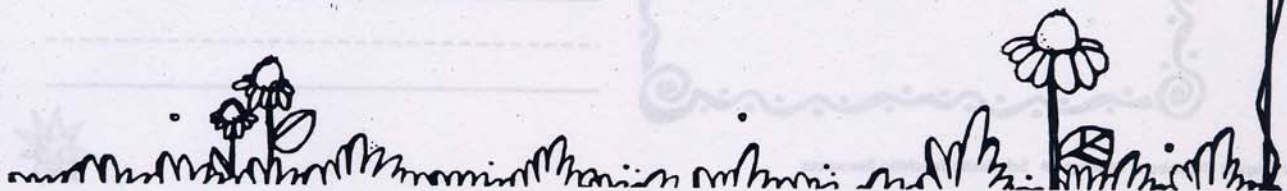
**Why are these skills important?**

- It is important to be able to distinguish Fantasy from Reality in books as the skill motivates critical thinking and analysis. Awareness of the difference draws attention to details the author has included to enhance enjoyment of the story. A book of fantasy often has a moral, such as good wins over bad. It stimulates ones imagination. Real stories are usually written to educate and inform.

- **Getting Started**

**Ask questions:**

- \* What stories, or parts of stories, couldn't possibly happen?  
Which pictures are realistic and which are fantasy?
- \* What shows on TV are real, have real parts, or are all fantasy?



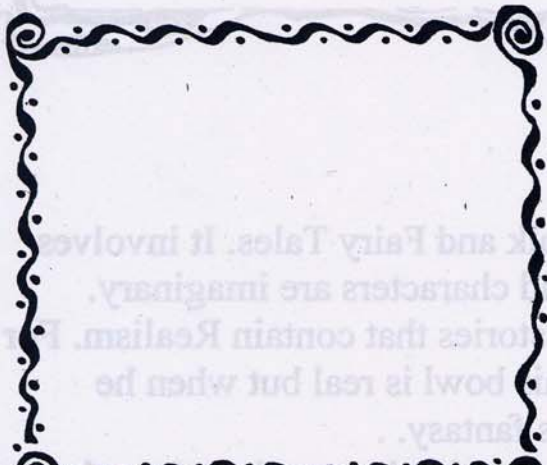


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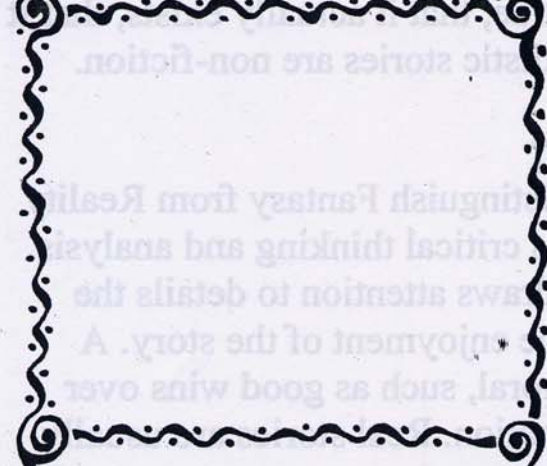
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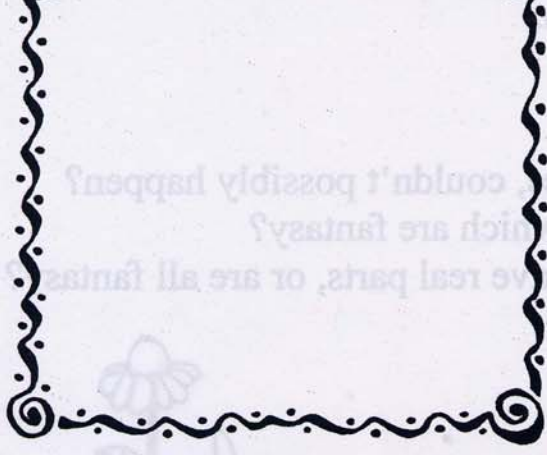
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