

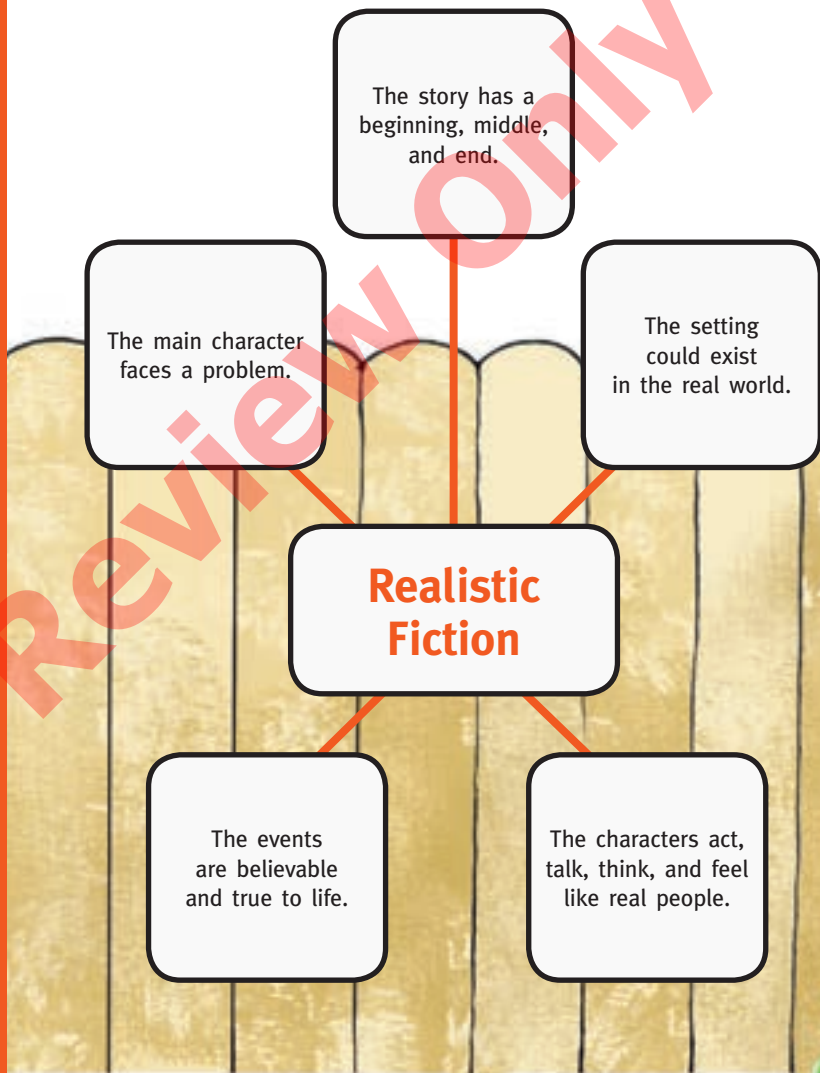
# A Meteorite in the Backyard!



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“Sparky wants to go out,” said Grandma.

“I’ll take him to the backyard,” said Marcelo.



Sparky went out and started to dig a hole in the ground.

“Sparky! No!” shouted Marcelo.



*What's that?* thought Marcelo.

It was a small black rock  
with little holes in it.



*Could it be a meteorite?*  
thought Marcelo.

Marcelo really liked meteorites.  
He thought every rock he saw  
was a meteorite.



Marcelo took a magnet out of his pocket. He put it next to the rock.

“Wow!” he said. He saw that the magnet attracted the rock.





“Grandma, I found a meteorite!”  
said Marcelo in the kitchen.

“Again?” asked Grandma.



During dinner, Marcelo took the rock out.

“Look! It’s a meteorite!” he said.

“Ay, Marcelo, that’s all you talk about,” said his mom.

“It looks like an ordinary rock to me,” said his dad.



That night, Marcelo's sister stopped by his room.

“Fabiana, if it's a meteorite ...”  
Marcelo started to say.

Fabiana ran away as fast as a meteorite in the sky!

*Nobody cares about meteorites. I'll ask Dad to call Raúl,* thought Marcelo.

