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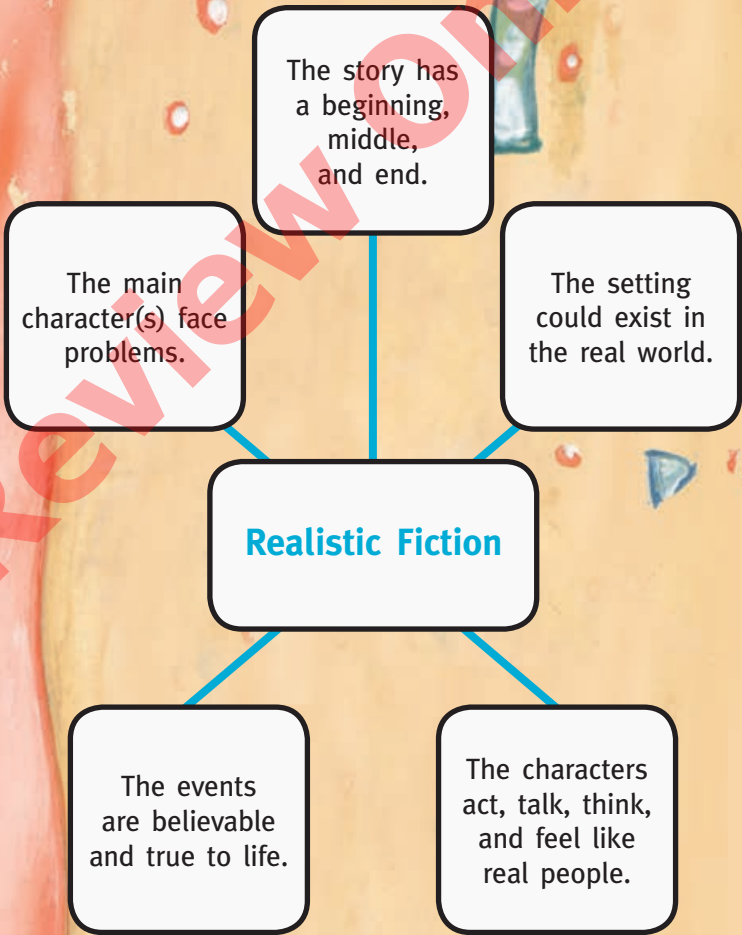


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A Library Book

Clara was a girl who saw things clearly. She liked to speak clearly. She also liked people to speak to her clearly. Clara was the perfect name for her because Clara means clear in Spanish.



One day after school, Clara was waiting for her mother to pick her up. While she waited, her teacher came to speak to her.

“Clara, your mother called to say she’ll be late.”





“Why?” said Clara.

“She is stuck in traffic. Why don’t you wait in the library until your mom arrives?” said the teacher.

Clara went to the library. She worried that she would be late for her swimming class. Clara didn’t like being late.

“Hello, Clara,” said Mrs. Vidal, the librarian.

Clara said hello and went to sit at a table. She took out her notebook and started her homework.



By the time Clara finished her homework, her mother still hadn't arrived. Clara searched for a book to read. She found one that had a picture of a woman on the cover. The title of the book was *Dolores Huerta*.



The first thing Clara read in the book left her speechless: “Dolores Clara Fernández was born on April 10, 1930.”

“Wow! That’s incredible!” said Clara.

“Shhh!” said Mrs. Vidal. “Is there something wrong, Clara?”

“I just noticed that Dolores Huerta’s middle name is Clara,” said Clara.





“What a coincidence! Come to think of it, you have something else in common with her. You say what is on your mind,” said Mrs. Vidal.

“Really?” said Clara.

“Yes. The other day you said it wasn’t right that you could only take out library books for a few days. Dolores is like you—direct with a strong character.”

“Can I take this book home?” Clara asked.

“Of course,” said Mrs. Vidal.

Clara looked at the door and saw her mother walk into the library.

