

Reading Skill

ANALYZE DESCRIPTIVE DETAILS

Joyce uses a wealth of descriptive details, or colorful words and phrases, to help readers understand both the narrator’s real circumstances and his imaginary experiences.

Directions: In the first column of the chart, note examples of descriptive details from the story. In the second column, label the details “real” or “imaginary.” In the third column tell what these details reveal about the narrator and his surroundings. An example has been done for you.

Descriptive Details	Real or Imaginary	My Analysis
“jostled by drunken men and bargaining women” (lines 44–45)	real	Unpleasant people surround the boy.

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