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SECTION

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Concrete and abstract

- When Adie and Harry bring hotdogs, ketchup and soda pop to share, Lily writes in her diary:



They didn't just bring us **sausages**, they brought us **real happiness**.

concrete,
literal

abstract,
figurative

- Read the half-sentences below. Think about the context or 'story' behind each of them, then write an abstract word that adds mood to finish each sentence. (You may want to use words from the box below or think up an abstract word of your own.)

For us children, January didn't just bring snow, it brought _____.

When Dad gave me a bike for my birthday, he gave me real _____.

These are not just fireworks, these are _____.

When Mum gave me a cup of hot chocolate, she gave me _____.

This is _____ in the shape of a hot-water bottle.

For my dog, the thunder doesn't just bring rain, it brings _____.

- Choose one of the sentences above and, on a separate piece of paper, include it in a paragraph, to develop a story setting.

freedom love fear comfort excitement fun and joy