



## How big is it?

Sometime it is hard to know how big something is. We need to compare it to something else. Look at these pictures and think about how big it is.



This is a frog. The frog is beside a car.

I think the frog looks \_\_\_\_\_ (tiny, small, large, huge) because it is the same size as the \_\_\_\_\_.

Is this frog its real size? Yes No Explain how you know.

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This is an alligator. The alligator is beside a rock.

I think the alligator looks \_\_\_\_\_ (tiny, small, large, huge) because it is the same size as the \_\_\_\_\_.

Is the alligator its real size? Yes No Explain how you know.

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This is a painting of a horse. The horse is beside two students.

I think the horse looks \_\_\_\_\_ (tiny, small, large, huge) because it is the same size as the \_\_\_\_\_.

Is the horse its real size? Yes No Explain how you know.

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This is a lion statue. The lion is beside a bus.

I think the lion looks \_\_\_\_\_ (tiny, small, large, huge) because it is the same size as the \_\_\_\_\_.

Is the lion its real size? Yes No Explain how you know.

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This is a street. There are buses on the street.

I think buses look \_\_\_\_\_ (tiny, small, large, huge).

Why do the buses and street look so small?

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## What size is it?

Read each passage. Highlight the words and phrases that tell its size. Describe the size -

The (what) is (what size) because it (compared to what? and other phrases).

### Example:

An orange can be eaten many ways. Some people **use a knife** to cut the orange. They **hold the orange in their hands** to eat it. The orange is small because it can be held in the hand and is small compared to a knife.

1. A turtle saved a person's life. It was not a pet turtle. It was too big to swim in a dish. The turtle that saved the person's life was a giant sea turtle. It was more than three feet long.  
The turtle is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.
2. One day Sue went to take out the trash. She opened the trash can and got a big surprise. There was an alligator in it. The alligator was not small. It was three and a half feet long.  
The alligator is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Bugs are very good food for small fish. Most small fish like to eat insects. The fish waits until a bug lands on top of the water. Then the fish opens its mouth and eats the bug.  
The bug is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Paul is a painter. He does not paint small pictures or people's houses. He paints the huge signs that look down from tall buildings in the city. His latest painting stands 35 feet high and is more than a city block long.  
The painting is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Animals have many ways of keeping themselves safe. Big animals like bears can use their claws and teeth. One small animal, the skunk, is not afraid of big animals. Even though the skunk has small teeth and little claws, other animals stay away from the skunk. A skunk can lift its fluffy tail and spray the other animals. The smell is very bad so other animals stay away.  
The skunk is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The Falabella family in Argentina have been raising tiny horses for over 100 years. The horses look like full-size horses. When they are born they usually weigh eight pounds. That's about the size of a human baby. When they are full-grown they only come up to a grownup person's waist.  
The horse is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Freddy was a fat frog. One day Freddy sat on a log near the pond when he heard a noise overhead. Freddy looked up and saw a tiny sparrow falling toward the pond. He also noticed a very large bird, probably a hawk, circling overhead. The hawk was unable to catch the sparrow and flew away. Freddy jumped into the pond, swam to the little sparrow, and pushed a floating piece of wood to the bird. The sparrow stayed with Freddy until it was ready to fly again.  
The frog is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.  
The sparrow is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_.