



represent:

- a.) to stand for or be something else
- b.) to show something

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Introduction:

One of the new vocabulary words for this unit is **represent**. Represent has many meanings, but in today's lesson it means "to stand for or be something else or to show something". Let's look at two pictures that will help us understand these meanings of the word "represent".

In the first picture, a miniature building and two figurines are used to represent a real building and two firemen. In most cases, smaller copies of objects are created to represent the real object when it is not possible to have the original. The original may be too big (like this building) or very far away. In the second picture, an artist has drawn a picture to represent the moon. In this case, even though the picture represents the moon, the real moon is quite different from the picture. So, even when an object represents another, they do not necessarily have to look the same.

Example:

In our classroom, we have a flag of the United States. The flag is a symbol that represents our nation. When people see this flag, they think of something they know about the United States, so the flag represents our country.

In make-believe play, children will often use different objects to represent other things. For example, you might use a towel to represent a super-hero cape or you might use a big empty box to represent a house or a castle.

Reflection:

Using the pictures on the next page, think about what each of these things REPRESENT. When you know the answer, raise your hand.

- A dollar sign (*money*)
- Magnifying glass (*searching, look for, answers may vary*)
- Sculpture (*a man, a bear, an animal, etc...*)
- Sign (*restrooms*)

Make it personal:

Think of something you have used to represent something else or something you have seen that represents something else. Tell your neighbor what the item was and what it represented. Start your sentence like this, "*I once used a XXXX to represent...*" or "*I saw a XXXX used to represent*" I will ask some of you to share your ideas.

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