

Cory at the Easel

The challenge here is to describe “reality” three ways...

Topic Area	Physical Reality	Socially-Constructed Reality	Personal Reality
Skill in writing name How competent is he?	He scribbles over what he has done. He writes a “c”, an “o”, an “r”, and a “y” in the order of his name	He can write his first name legibly.	It’s messy. He has no distinction between upper case and lower case. He is trying hard.
Intention What is he trying to do?	He starts with a circular shape and then adds a diagonal line from top right to lower left.	He is painting a repeated design.	I think it looks like a “no” sign like No Parking. I think it looks like <i>Ghost Busters</i> . I wish he had smaller brushes available.

Physical Reality is the concrete, perceivable, physical world.

Socially-constructed Reality is the meaning we collaboratively arrive at through discourse involving everyone; it is context sensitive, applying only to this case, arrived at with these people who provide their unique insight and reason; no voting or consensus is needed, instead, a group of people agrees to describe it this way after hearing all points of view; it evolves over time as insights and experiences change.

Personal Reality is one’s own experience, opinions, and judgments.