



Compare and contrast

Reading Comprehension Worksheet

Practice

A parent or tutor should read along with the student, helping as needed.

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When we **compare** two things, we tell how they are *alike*.

When we **contrast** two things, we tell how they are *different*.

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Here are two stories. As you read, think about how the stories are *alike*, and how they are *different*.

Fox and Bear

Fox saw the field being planted with corn. He went to visit Bear, and suggested that they share the field. Fox said he would have the tops of the crop, and Bear would have the roots. When the crop was grown, Bear did not like having only the roots of the corn plants. But it was what they had agreed. The next year, Fox saw the field being planted with turnips. He went to visit Bear. He said that, to be fair, this year Bear would have the tops of the crop, and Fox would have the roots. When the crops were grown, Bear was unhappy again. He had only the bitter tops, while bear had the nice sweet turnips. But it was what they had agreed. However, Bear never agreed to share the field with Fox again.

Camel and Pig

Camel said being tall was best, and Pig said being short was best. Camel said if he was wrong, he would give up his hump. Pig said if he was wrong, he would give up his curly tail. They came to a garden inside a low wall. Camel reached his long neck over the wall and ate his fill. Pig could not even see over the wall. Then they came to a garden inside a high wall, with a covered gate. Pig went through the gate and ate his fill. Camel was too tall to go through the gate. They thought about all this, and decided that Camel would keep his hump, and Pig would keep his curly tail, because, as Pig said, "Tall is good when tall is needed; of short, the same is true."

Some of these details are true of just one of the two stories. Some are true of both stories. Some are not true of either story. Read each detail, and select the best answer.

1. The characters are animals.
A. "Fox and Bear" only
B. "Camel and Pig" only
C. Both stories
D. Neither story
2. Someone learns a lesson.
A. "Fox and Bear" only
B. "Camel and Pig" only
C. Both stories
D. Neither story
3. One character is smarter than another.
A. "Fox and Bear" only
B. "Camel and Pig" only
C. Both stories
D. Neither story
4. The characters disagree about something in the beginning.
A. "Fox and Bear" only
B. "Camel and Pig" only
C. Both stories
D. Neither story
5. The characters agree about something in the beginning.
A. "Fox and Bear" only
B. "Camel and Pig" only
C. Both stories
D. Neither story
6. The setting is indoors.
A. "Fox and Bear" only
B. "Camel and Pig" only
C. Both stories
D. Neither story
7. One character tricks another.
A. "Fox and Bear" only
B. "Camel and Pig" only
C. Both stories
D. Neither story
8. The characters never agree about anything.
A. "Fox and Bear" only
B. "Camel and Pig" only
C. Both stories
D. Neither story

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9. What is one other detail that is *alike* or *different* in the two stories?

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### Answer Key

1. C
2. C
3. A
4. B
5. A
6. C
7. A
8. D
9. Accept any reasonable response.