



## May Reading Comprehension Focus Compare / Contrast

### All About Compare and Contrast

- *Definition.* Taking two people, places or things from the same story and looking for things that are the same and things that are different between the two.  
This can be done during reading or after reading the story.

### Why is this skill important?

- This skill helps to focus on the details of a story and gives a greater understanding of the text. It helps us to make connections and to draw distinctions between two people, places or things.
- It helps us better predict the behavior of the characters or the effect of places or situations.

### Get Started

- Choose two characters from a story and record the title and characters on the lines.
- Compare the characters and determine what they have in common. Write what is the same in the middle section of the Venn diagram.
- Contrast the characters and determine what is different about them. Write this information in the respective outer sections of the circles.
- (Using the Venn diagram, you can practice by starting with two, simple yet different objects like a pair of pants and a backpack.)

