

COMPARE & CONTRAST

task cards

2nd & 3rd GRADE

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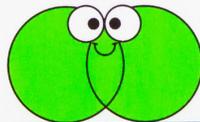
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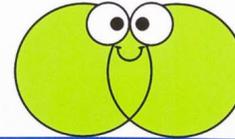
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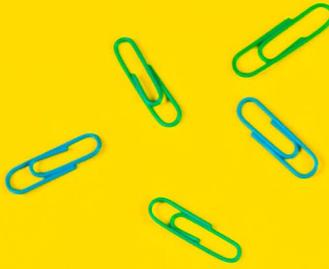
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Braille is a system that lets people use their sense of touch to read. It is a code made up of patterns of raised dots. Each pattern represents a letter, symbol, or word. Each Braille character is formed within a space called a cell. Each cell has space for six dots, like the number 6 on a die. There are 64 different ways to raise dots within a cell.

Louis Braille lived in the 1800s. He became blind at 3 years old, after an accident. Louis loved to read, but his school didn't have many books. They used raised print that was hard to understand. Louis learned about soldiers who used a code of raised bumps to communicate in the dark. He adapted this code to create the system of Braille that is still used today.

Which statement is true about these passages?

- Passage 1 uses facts and definitions, but Passage 2 uses feelings and opinions.
- Passage 1 is about books, but Passage 2 is about living with a disability.
- Passage 1 focuses on Louis Braille, but Passage 2 focuses on reading Braille.
- Passage 1 describes Braille, but Passage 2 tells how it was invented.



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8.	B	23.	B
9.	D	24.	D
10.	B	25.	A
11.	C	26.	C
12.	C	27.	B
13.	A	28.	A
14.		29.	B
15.		30.	D

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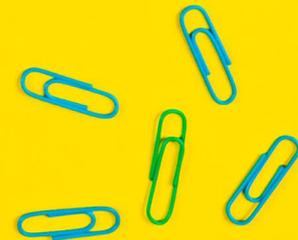
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Ways to Use Task Cards

1. **Centers**
2. **Scoot:** Pass out one card for each student. Set a timer and say, “scoot!” when the timer goes off. Students move seats to the next card. They continue to rotate until they are back at their original seat.
3. **Scavenger Hunt:** Hide cards around the room. Students search for cards and answer them.
4. **Jenga:** Number Jenga blocks. Students stack the blocks, then take turns pulling blocks. Students answer the corresponding number card.
5. **Whole class practice:** Teacher displays card on the projector. Students answer on mini white boards.
6. **Exit Tickets:** Give each student a task card at the end of the lesson. Have them answer on a sticky note.



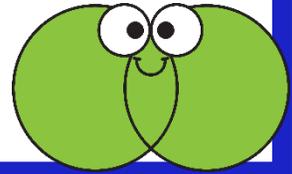
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For thousands of years, people have played “connect the dots” with the brightest stars in the sky. Imaginary lines created shapes called constellations. Long ago, people used constellations to mark the seasons. Then, explorers used constellations to help them navigate. Today, scientists use constellations to identify areas of the night sky.

Long ago, people noticed that the sun, moon, and planets seemed to move. Meanwhile, stars remained still. They saw patterns of stars in the night sky. They named 48 of these constellations. Every year, the sun moves through thirteen of them. Astrologers chose twelve constellations as signs of the zodiac. A zodiac sign is the part of the sky where the sun is when you are born. Astrologers make predictions based on these signs.

How are the passages alike?

- a. Both discuss constellations in the night sky.
- b. Both help readers understand the field of astrology.
- c. Both describe how scientist use constellations in the sky.
- d. Both describe how constellations can be used to predict the future.



2. Compare Two Texts

Every year, millions of tourists flock to Niagara Falls, a Wonder of the World. Mist fills the air, and colored lights shine on the water. Boat rides go right up to the base of the Falls. The Cave of the Winds tour takes tourists close to the American Falls. An observation tower gives great views. Sometimes, a daredevil walks across the Falls on a tightrope, and a few have gone over in a barrel.

About 750,000 gallons of water flow over Niagara Falls every second. Twice in the past, the water over the Falls has stopped flowing. In 1848, winter winds pushed ice to the mouth of the river. This formed a complete ice dam. The water stopped flowing for 30 hours. In 1969, Army engineers built a dam on the American side. This let them inspect fallen rock.

How are the passages different?

- a. Passage 1 focuses on the water flow, but Passage 2 focuses on daredevils.
- b. Passage 1 focuses on taking tours, but Passage 2 focuses on visiting the Falls.
- c. Passage 1 focuses on visiting the Falls, but Passage 2 focuses on the water flow.
- d. Passage 1 focuses on daredevils, but Passage 2 focuses on how to get to the Falls.



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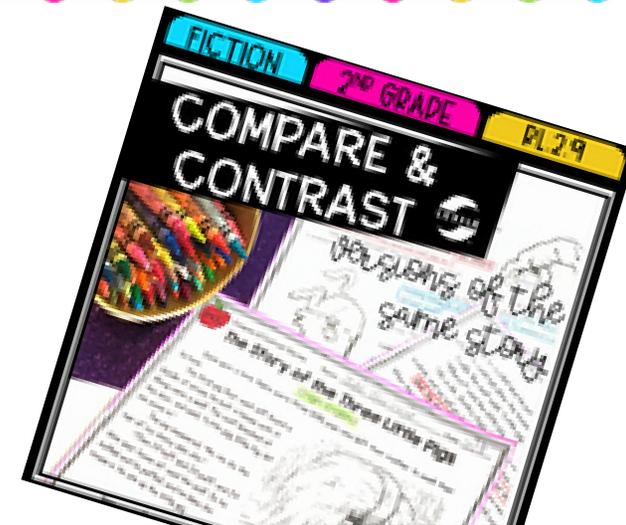


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