

COMPARE & CONTRAST

characters & experiences



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WHAT'S INCLUDED?

TWELVE 1st Grade **DIGITAL** and **PRINTABLE** PDF fiction passages & ONE assessment!

- Aligned with 1st Grade Lexile Levels
- Includes a Compare & Contrast Anchor Chart
- Students can highlight the text for easy comprehension

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1st grade

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FICTION PASSAGES

310L Compare & Contrast Name: _____ Date: _____

A Dog and his Bone

A dog found a nice bone. He held it in his mouth. He growled at anyone who tried to take it.

The dog went to the woods to bury his bone. He came to a pond. He looked into the water. He saw reflection. He thought it was another dog with a bone. He growled at the dog in the water. The dog in the water growled back.

"I'll take his bone, too," the dog thought.

He snapped at the dog in the water. When he snapped, his own bone fell into the water. Now the greedy dog had none.



Color-coded highlighting supports student comprehension. In Google Slides, students can highlight as they read!

Point of View

1. How are the dog and the mouse similar?

- a. They both got eaten.
- b. They both found food.
- c. They both lost something.

2. How are the dog and the mouse different?

- a. The dog was in a village, but the mouse was in the woods.
- b. The dog had some friends, but the mouse didn't.
- c. The dog was mean to others, but the mouse wasn't.

3. Think of how the dog and the mouse felt about what they found. Were they alike or different? How?

4. The dog and the mouse both made mistakes. Were their mistakes alike or different? How?

5. Both stories teach readers a lesson. How is the lesson of both stories similar?

After reading, students type their answers in the text boxes using text evidence.

ASSESSMENT

Color coded highlighting can also be done on the assessments!

350L Compare & Contrast Name: _____ Date: _____

TEST: A Nice Trip

460L Compare & Contrast Name: _____ Date: _____

TEST: Pie Girl

It was Izzy's first day at her new school. Her class was practicing for a talent show.

"I'm sorry you won't have time to learn the act," said Mr. Parker.

Izzy didn't mind at all. She felt nervous and shy. She didn't want to get up in front of the whole school.

"Hey," called Ben. "She could be the pie girl!"

"Well, we might not need a pie girl. But if we do, Izzy could do it. That way, everyone would know who she is."

Izzy was too nervous to ask what "pie girl" meant.

The next day at school, everyone went to the gym. Each class had an act in the talent show. Izzy just sat and watched. At the end, Miss Fink's class won. Miss Fink marched right over to Mr. Parker.

"Okay," she said. "Who's your pie girl or pie boy?"

Everyone in the class began to chant Izzy's name. She followed Miss Fink to the center of the gym. There, a boy from Miss Fink's class got to throw a pie in Izzy's face.

Everyone laughed and cheered. Everyone except Izzy. She went to the bathroom and cried. What a terrible way to start off at a new school!



This resource also includes ONE test with different Lexile Levels for student assessment.

Point of View

1. How are Izzy and Noah similar?

- a. They both felt nervous at first.
- b. They both laughed in the end.
- c. They both had something embarrassing happen.

2. How are Izzy and Noah different?

- a. Noah has friends, but Izzy doesn't.
- b. Izzy is a singer, but Noah is a baseball player.
- c. Noah doesn't like being laughed at, but Izzy doesn't mind.

3. Think of what went wrong for Izzy and for Noah. How are the causes different?

Students type their answers right in the text box.

4. Think of how Izzy and for Noah reacted to something going wrong. How are their reactions different?

5. Would you rather be friends with Izzy or Noah? Why?

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ABOUT LEXILE LEVELS



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Common Core State Standards uses Lexile level bands as one measure of text complexity. Text complexity ranges ensure that students are college and career ready by the end of 12th grade. Lexile measures help educators scaffold and differentiate instruction, as well as monitor reading growth.

Grade Band	Lexile® Bands Aligned to Common Core Expectations
K-1	190L-530L
2-3	420L-820L
4-5	740L-1,010L
6-8	1,185L-1,385L

Keep in mind when using any leveled text that many students will need scaffolding and support to reach text at the high end of their grade band. According to Appendix A of the Common Core Standards, "It is important to recognize that scaffolding often is entirely appropriate. The expectation that scaffolding will occur with particularly challenging texts is built into the Standards' grade-by-grade text complexity expectations, for example. The general movement, however, should be toward decreasing scaffolding and increasing independence both within and across the text complexity bands defined in the Standards."



Point of View
1. Who really...
a. Darren
b. Ch...
c. Ne...

2. Wh...
a...
b...
c...

the beginning of the story?

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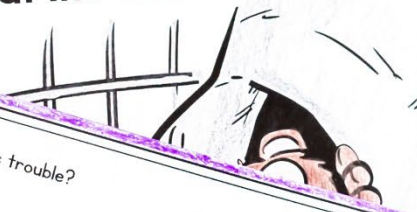
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Point of View

1. Which story has a pet that causes trouble?
a. The Big Mess
b. A Gift
c. Both
d. Neither

2. Which character is most selfish?
Scraps

3. Thi...

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A Gift

...him and brushed his fur. She gave him toys to play

290L

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...a nice for her."

The Big Mess

The house was dark. It was quiet. Scraps the puppy was all alone.
"Grr," went Scraps' tummy. He was L...
was his family?

Compare & Contrast Characters



Characters are people, animals, or creatures in stories.

Readers **COMPARE** character's experiences.

- How are the character's experiences and adventures similar?

☞ Sophie and Hau both love the beach.

Readers **CONTRAST** character's experiences.

- How are the character's experiences and adventures different?





of View
Who really needed help in t
a. Darren
b. Chip
c. Neither

2. Who got help at the
a. Darren
b. Chip
c. Both

3. In what ways
Darren and the villagers
really needed help

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Lost at the Zoo



The baby chipmunk
peeked out of their hole
tree. Where was their

She had been gone a

Chip decided to go

He climbed a
but he slipped and

his paw. Just then

came running

he was out of

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Two Doors

Artem ran along the pathway. Bushes grew tall on either side. He turned left, then right, then right again. There seemed to be no way out of the maze.

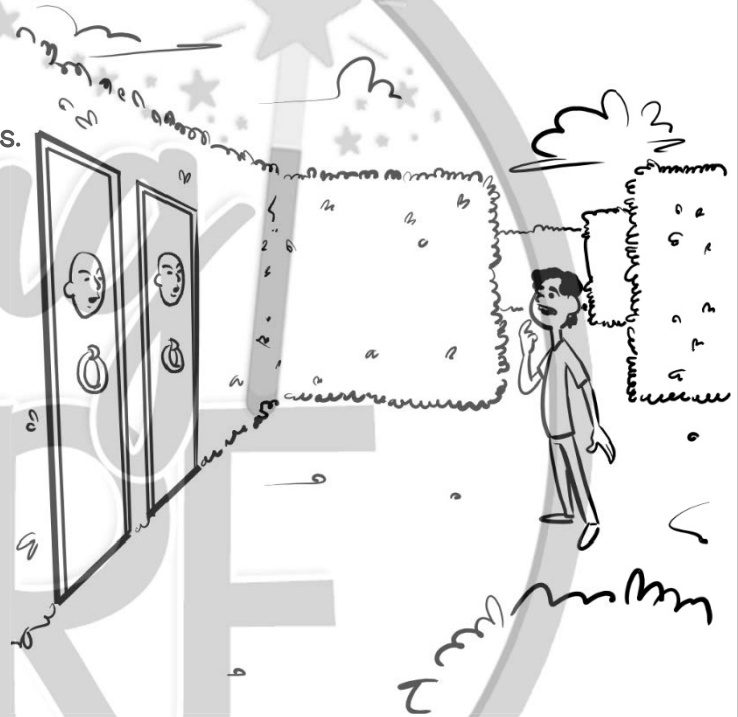
At the next turn, Artem came to a dead end. It was a solid wall of bushes. In the middle were two doors. Artem looked closely. Each door had a face on it.

"Choose wisely!" said the left door.

Artem read the sign above the doors.

*One of us leads to safety,
And the other one leads to
doom.*

*One of us always lies,
And the other one tells the
truth.*



Artem wondered which door to choose. He asked the door on the right, "Do you lead to safety?"

"Yes!" the right door said.

Artem wondered again. What if that was the door that always lies?

"Are there clouds in the sky right now?" he asked the right door.

"No, of course not," said the right door.

Artem looked up at the cloudy sky. He had caught the right door in a lie. He pushed open the left door and ran to safety.

Festival Fib

It's not always fun to be in charge. That's what I learned when I helped with the school festival.

Miss Grove put me in charge of volunteer signups. Any students who wanted to help at the festival had to see me. At first, it all went smoothly. Then, my best friend Jessie asked to sign up. She wanted to be a juggler. Jessie was just learning to juggle.

"We don't really have a stage or any acts," I explained. "I just need people to work at booths."

Jessie wouldn't give up. "I could wander through the crowd," she said. "Everyone loves a juggler."

She showed me her juggling. She dropped the balls right away. She tried again. More dropped balls.

"I'll get back to you," I said.

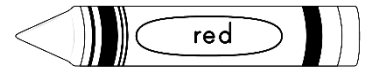
The next day, I told Jessie, "I'm sorry, but Miss Grove said we couldn't have a juggler. It's too dangerous."

I just hope Jessie doesn't find out that I never spoke to Miss Grove about it.



Point of View

1. Which story has a character who is told a lie? (circle one)



- a. Two Doors
- b. Festival Fib
- c. Both

2. Whose problem is most serious? (circle one)

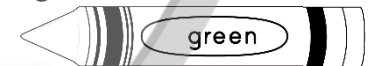


- a. Artem
- b. Jessie
- c. The speaker in Festival Fib

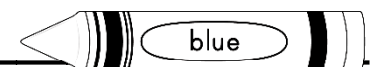
3. Think of the reason why a character in each story might have told a lie. Were the reasons alike or different? How?



4. Both Artem and the speaker in Festival Fib had to make a tough choice. Were their tough choices alike or different? How?



5. Which story teaches that it might be okay to lie sometimes? How?



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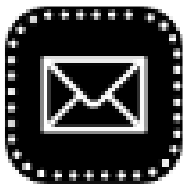
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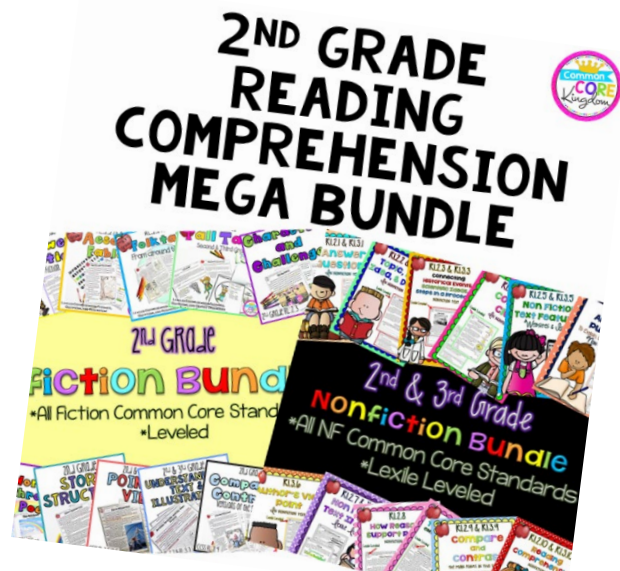


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