

## Reading Comprehension Worksheet | Compare and contrast

When we **compare** - we tell how things are alike.

When we **contrast** - we tell how things are different.

**Instructions:** Read the two stories below. As you read, think about how the stories are alike, and how they are different. Then, answer the questions that follow. A parent or teacher should read along with the student, and help as needed.



### The Ant and the Grasshopper

During the summer, a grasshopper spent his days playing in the sun, hopping from place to place. Nearby, a tiny ant was working hard, collecting food to store for the winter. "Why don't you come and play?" asked the grasshopper. "You work too much!" The ant simply smiled and continued gathering food. When winter finally came, the grasshopper had no food left and was cold and hungry. He went to the ant and begged for some of her stored food. The ant felt sorry for the grasshopper and happily shared her food. The grasshopper realized that while playing all summer was fun, he must also remember to prepare for the harsh winter every year.

### The Lion and the Mouse

One day, a lion was sleeping under a tree when a small mouse ran across his nose. Startled, the lion woke up and trapped the mouse under his paw. "Please don't eat me!" begged the mouse. "Maybe one day I can help you." The lion laughed at the idea but let the mouse go. A few weeks later, the lion was caught in a hunter's net. He roared for help, but no one came. Suddenly, the mouse appeared and chewed through the ropes, freeing the lion. The lion thanked the mouse and learned that even a small creature could be a big help.

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



**1. One character works hard to prepare for the future.**

- A. "The Ant and the Grasshopper" only    B. "The Lion and the Mouse" only  
C. Both stories    D. Neither story

**2. A small character helps a larger character.**

- A. "The Ant and the Grasshopper" only    B. "The Lion and the Mouse" only  
C. Both stories    D. Neither story

**3. A character is caught in a difficult situation.**

- A. "The Ant and the Grasshopper" only    B. "The Lion and the Mouse" only  
C. Both stories    D. Neither story

**4. One character begs for help.**

- A. "The Ant and the Grasshopper" only    B. "The Lion and the Mouse" only  
C. Both stories    D. Neither story

**5. Both characters play during the story.**

- A. "The Ant and the Grasshopper" only    B. "The Lion and the Mouse" only  
C. Both stories    D. Neither story

**6. A lesson is learned by one of the characters.**

- A. "The Ant and the Grasshopper" only    B. "The Lion and the Mouse" only  
C. Both stories    D. Neither story

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

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