



## Compare and contrast characters

### Today's Standard

5.W.9a - Apply grade 5 Reading standards to literature (e.g., "Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or a drama, drawing on specific details in the text [e.g., how characters interact]").

### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Analyzing characters in a favorite book; Comparing family members' traits; Discussing differences between historical figures; Exploring character dynamics in a movie; Examining relationships in a TV show

### Today I Learned

Today we learned how to compare and contrast characters in a story. This helps us understand the story better and see how characters are alike and different.

### Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes kids think they only need to look at how characters look. But it's also important to think about what characters do and why. Another mistake is thinking characters have to be all the same or all different. Characters can have some things in common and some things that are different.

### Quiz Me

- What does it mean to compare characters?
- Why do we compare characters?
- What should we look at besides how characters look?
- Can characters be both similar and different?
- What can we learn by comparing characters?

### Help Me

When we compare characters, we look at how they are the same and how they are different. This helps us understand the story better. For example, we can see how characters act and why they do what they do. We can also see how they get along with other characters.

