

Parent Guide to the

Comparing Texts on the Same Topic

Today's Standard

K.RI.9 - With prompting and support, identify basic similarities in and differences between two texts on the same topic (e.g., in illustrations, descriptions, or procedures).

Real-World Applications for this Standard

Comparing two books about animals to find similarities and differences.; Looking at two different recipes for the same dish to identify different steps or ingredients.; Comparing two weather reports to see how they describe the same weather event.

Today I Learned

Today, we learned how to find similarities and differences between two books about the same topic. We can look at the pictures, words, and steps in the books to see what is the same and what is different.

Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids might think that comparing books means only looking at the pictures. They might also think that all books on the same topic say the same things. We need to help them see that words and steps are important too, and different books can tell us different things.

Quiz Me

- Can you tell me one thing that is the same in these two books?
- What is one thing that is different in these two books?
- Do these books have the same pictures?
- Do these books tell us the same information?
- Can you show me a different step in each book?

Help Me

When we compare books, we can look at the pictures, the words, and the steps to see what is the same and what is different. For example, we might look at two books about dogs and see how they describe dogs differently or show different pictures of dogs.