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Two Tales, One Author

Compare the same squirrel in two stories

About 35 minutes Level ★★★☆☆



Compare Two Stories

One author can write many stories about the same character. To learn from them, look closely at each part.

- Setting is where and when a story happens.
- Plot is what happens first, next, and last.
- Theme is the lesson the story teaches.



Two Squirrel Tales

1. Story 1 is called The Lost Acorns. The little squirrel lives in an old oak tree at the edge of a green forest. One windy fall day, the wind blows all the stored acorns away. The squirrel looks high and low but cannot find them. Kind mouse neighbors share their nuts, and all eat together.
2. Story 2 is called Snowy Day Share. The same little squirrel still lives in the old oak tree at the edge of the green forest. Now it is a cold winter morning with deep white snow. A hungry rabbit knocks at the door. The squirrel shares its last warm acorn soup, and both smile together.
3. Both tales were written by the same author about the same squirrel. The places are almost the same, but the time and weather are not. The events are different, yet both end with friends helping. Both teach the same lesson: helping and sharing with friends brings joy.

Task A

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Tick the best answer. Use the passage paragraphs to check.

1. In paragraph 1 and 2, what **setting** is the same?
   - ☐ An old oak tree at the edge of a green forest
   - ☐ A sandy beach in summer
   - ☐ A school lunchroom
2. In paragraph 3, what **theme** do both stories teach?
   - ☐ Helping and sharing with friends brings joy
   - ☐ Wind is strong in fall
   - ☐ Rabbits like snow
3. How do the **plots** contrast in paragraph 1 and 2?
   - ☐ In Story 1 mice help the squirrel; in Story 2 the squirrel helps a rabbit
   - ☐ Both stories have the same events
   - ☐ Both stories happen in winter

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Same And Different

Sort what is the same and what is different.

Key words

theme: the lesson a story teaches

plot: what happens in a story in order

contrast: find what is different

setting: where and when a story happens

compare: find what is the same

character: who is in a story

Task B

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Read the ideas. Say if you agree and why. Think about the same author.



Student A

Are the two squirrel stories mostly the **same**?

Yes. They have the same character, same place, and same lesson about sharing.



Student B

No. One is fall and one is winter, so nothing is the same.



Student C

Yes. Same author means they must use all the same words.



Student D

What do you think of each idea? Why?

Student B: .....

Student C: .....

Student D: .....

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Steps To Compare

Follow steps to compare setting, plot, and theme.

Task C

Follow the steps to compare the tales. Tick when done.

- Read paragraph 1 about the squirrel  ☐
- Read paragraph 2 about the snow  ☐
- Circle same place in both tales ☐
- Underline same lesson in paragraph 3 ☐

Task D

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Climb the ladder. Use the passage to answer. Start hard ones with: I think...

Remember In paragraph 1, who helps the **squirrel**?

Understand In your words, what is the **setting** in both stories?

Apply List one new **event** that fits the same oak tree place.

Analyse How are the **plots** the same and different?

Evaluate Which **ending** shows the lesson best? Why?

Create Make a title for a third tale with the same **theme**.

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Facts And Groups

Check facts and sort story words.

Task E

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Tick fact or opinion. For one, tell how you *know*. Start: I know because...

Statement	Fact	Opinion
The squirrel lives in an old oak tree in both stories.		
Both stories teach that sharing brings joy.		
Story 2 is the best story ever written.		
Winter snow is prettier than fall wind.		

How can you tell that one of them is an opinion?

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Task F

Example done for you

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Sort each word box by *group*. Color Setting boxes and Theme boxes.

Setting: color it blue or draw ● **Theme**: color it orange or draw ▲

old oak tree ●	windy fall day	snowy winter morning	sharing brings joy
helping friends	being kind		

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Think Of More

Give your own examples and help others.

Task G

Give examples of a helping theme. Explain how you know they fit.

Give an example of a theme about helping others

An example

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Now another

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Now one nobody else will think of!

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How do you know they all fit?

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Task H

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Help the students. Write a short answer to each question.



Student A

Is the setting fully the same in paragraph 1 and 2? Why?

How do you know both stories have the same theme?



Student B



Student C

What is one plot contrast I can write about?

How did I do?

Circle a face for each line.

I can tell the setting, plot, and theme of a story.	☹	😐	☺
I can compare what is the same in two stories.	☹	😐	☺
I can contrast what is different in two stories.	☹	😐	☺

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Answer sheet: Two Tales, One Author

Task A

1. a) An old oak tree at the edge of a green forest
2. a) Helping and sharing with friends brings joy
3. a) In Story 1 mice help the squirrel; in Story 2 the squirrel helps a rabbit

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Task B

Student B: right

Student C: not right

Student D: not right

Student B is right. They share the character, place, and theme, even if season and events contrast.

Task C

Answers will vary.

Task D

1. Kind mouse neighbors share their nuts in paragraph 1.
2. Both are in an old oak tree at the edge of a green forest; one is fall, one is winter.
3. Any event at the oak tree, such as the squirrel finds a lost hat and returns it.
4. Same: a food problem ends with sharing and joy. Different: Story 1 loses acorns and mice help; Story 2 rabbit is hungry and squirrel helps.
5. Either ending with reason. Example: Story 2 shows it best because the squirrel shares its last soup. Start: I think... because...
6. Example: Sharing in Spring. The squirrel shares with a new friend.

Task E

1. Fact
2. Fact
3. Opinion
4. Opinion

Task F

Setting (blue ●): old oak tree, windy fall day, snowy winter morning

Theme (orange ▲): sharing brings joy, helping friends, being kind

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Task G

Answers will vary, e.g. Sharing toys makes play happy; Helping clean up makes all glad; Sharing shade with a hot turtle on a sunny path

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Task H

1. Student A: No. The place is the same oak tree, but the time and weather contrast: fall wind and winter snow.
2. Student B: Paragraph 3 says both end with friends helping and teach that sharing brings joy.
3. Student C: In Story 1 mice share with the squirrel. In Story 2 the squirrel shares with the rabbit.

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