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Same Genre, Different Way

Compare two mysteries and two adventures

About 45 minutes Level ★★★☆☆

Comparing Same-Genre Stories

A **genre** is a type of story, like mystery or adventure. Stories in the same **genre** often share a **theme**.



- Mystery stories have clues and a puzzle to solve.
- Adventure stories show a young person leaving safety for the unknown.
- To compare, tell HOW each story treats the same theme.
- Ask: What do characters learn? How does each ending feel?

Task A

Example done for you

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Read each sentence. Tick true or false.

Statement	True	False
A genre is a type of story.	✓	
Mystery and adventure are examples of genres.		
Stories in the same genre never share a theme.		
To compare stories, tell how each one treats the same theme.		
Adventure stories never show curiosity or bravery.		

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Whose Idea Wins?

Listen to three ideas about theme and pick the best one.

Key Words

genre: a type of story

compare: tell how things are alike

clue: a hint that helps solve a puzzle

theme: the big idea in a story

contrast: tell how things are different

Task B

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Three students compare two mysteries. What do you think of each idea?



Student A

Both mysteries are about telling the truth. Do they have the same theme but a different approach?

Yes. Both show curiosity and bravery, but one solves it with questions and one solves it with a map.



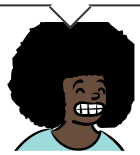
Student B

No. Stories in the same genre cannot share any theme.



Student C

Yes. Same genre means the stories are exactly the same.



Student D

What do you think of each idea? Why?

Student B: .....

Student C: .....

Student D: .....

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Two Mysteries Together

Read two short mysteries and mark how they treat bravery.

Two Mysteries, One Theme

1. A student stayed late after school and found the class garden box dug up. Soil covered the floor, and the small tools were gone. The student felt nervous but wanted answers, so the student looked for **clues** near the door.
2. The student asked the custodian two questions and followed wet footprints to the hall closet. Inside were the tools, with a note that said, Sorry, I borrowed them. The student felt proud for solving the puzzle by talking and thinking.
3. Across town, a neighbor heard a strange thump in the garage after lunch. A box of old photos had fallen, and a flashlight was missing. The neighbor felt nervous too, but curiosity won, and the neighbor stepped inside to search.
4. The neighbor used a hand-drawn map from a grandparent and a hallway light to check dark corners. Behind a bike tire was the flashlight, left on by mistake. The neighbor smiled, glad that being **brave** meant taking one small step at a time.

Task C

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Read paragraphs 1-4 above. Then mark lines 1-6. Look for theme and approach.

- [ ] Underline the word missing in lines 1 and 4.
- [ ] Circle how Story 1 solves it in line 3.
- [ ] Circle how Story 2 searches in line 5.
- [ ] In the margin, explain how both show bravery in a different way.

Mark the Mysteries

1 Story 1: garden tools missing, student looks for clues.

2 Story 1: student asks questions, follows footprints.

3 Story 1: solves the puzzle by talking and thinking.

4 Story 2: flashlight missing, neighbor feels curious.

5 Story 2: neighbor uses a map and light to search.

6 Story 2: being brave means taking small steps.

My notes

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Puzzle Word Fun

Solve a crossword with words about comparing stories.

Task D

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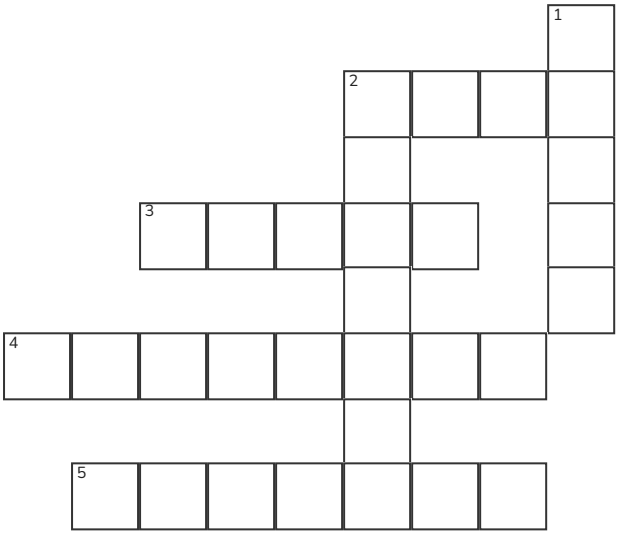
Use the clues to fill the crossword.



Across

2. hint that solves a puzzle (4)
3. big idea shared by stories (5)
4. tell how stories are different (8)
5. story with a puzzle to solve (7)

Down

1. a type of story, like mystery (5)
2. tell how stories are alike (7)

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Talk and Play

Describe key words and talk about two approaches.

Task E

Describe the word for your partner. Do not say the banned words.

✂ Cut out the cards.

genre	theme	mystery
Don't say:	**Don't say:**	**Don't say:**
type	idea	clue
story	story	solve
book	message	puzzle
kind	big	detective



adventure

Don't say:

journey
trip
unknown
brave

Task F

Talk with your partner. No writing.

- Which **approach** do you like better: asking questions or using a map? Why?
- How does **curiosity** help each character act brave?
- Can two adventure stories share a theme? Give an example.

How did I do?

Circle a face for each line.

I can name the genre and theme of a story.	☹ 😐 ☺
I can compare how two stories treat the same theme.	☹ 😐 ☺
I can use clues to support my answer.	☹ 😐 ☺

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Answer sheet: Same Genre, Different Way

Task A

1. True
2. True
3. False
4. True
5. False

Task B

Student B: right
Student C: not right
Student D: not right
Student B is right. Same-genre stories can share a theme but show it in a different way.

Task C

Answers will vary, e.g. Both lines have the word missing. talking and thinking; uses a map and light; Both feel nervous but act brave; one talks and thinks, one uses a map and takes small steps.

Task D

1 down: GENRE
2 down: COMPARE
2 across: CLUE
3 across: THEME
4 across: CONTRAST
5 across: MYSTERY

Task E

A speaking game: no written answers.

Task F

Answers will vary.

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