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Compare and Contrast

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Things may be **similar** to each other.

Amy and Jean *both* like to sing. They are similar in that way. To find out how two things in a passage are the same, you **compare** them. Here, the word *both* is a clue that they are alike.

Things may also be **different** from one another.

Amy likes fast music *but* Jean likes slow music. That is how they are different. To find out how two things are different from each other, you **contrast** them. Here, the word *but* is a clue that they are different.

Example

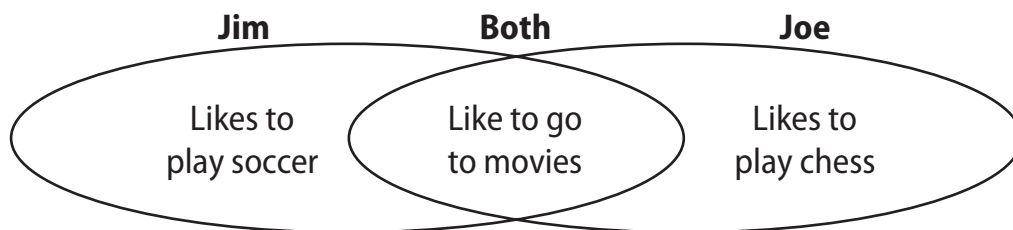
Read the story. Think about how the people and things in the story are alike and different.

Alike and Different

Joe and Jim are good friends. Joe likes to play chess. Jim, though, prefers to play soccer. They both like to go to the movies. They enjoy movies about outer space. Movies about superheroes are also a favorite of theirs.

Annie is Joe's sister. She enjoys going to the movies, too. But she likes to see movies about animals. She loves movies about horses most of all. Annie also loves to roller skate. She is good at it. Joe does not like to roller skate at all. He thinks it is boring.

Look Sometimes you can use charts to show how things in a passage are alike and different. Look at the chart below. It is called a Venn diagram.



Under Jim's name is what he likes to do. Under Joe's name is what he likes to do. Under the word *Both* is what Jim and Joe both like to do.

1 How are Joe and Jim different?


- (A) Joe likes to play chess but Jim likes to roller skate.
- (B) Joe is good at roller skating, but Jim is not very good at it.
- (C) Joe likes movies about outer space but Jim likes movies about horses.
- (D) Joe likes to play chess and Jim likes to play soccer.

D I S C U S S	<p>(A) Joe does like to play chess. But the story does not say that Jim likes roller skating.</p> <p>(B) The story says that Joe thinks roller skating is boring. This is not the right answer.</p>	<p>(C) The story says that Annie, not Jim, likes movies about horses.</p> <p>(D) Joe does like to play chess and Jim does like to play soccer. This is the correct answer.</p>
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Practice It -----

2 In what way are Joe and Jim alike?

- (A) They both like to play chess.
- (B) They both like to play soccer.
- (C) They both like superhero movies.
- (D) They both like to roller skate.



Hint—Use the chart to help you remember what both Joe and Jim like to do.

3 Explain how Annie is similar to Joe. In your answer, use details and examples from the story that support your explanation. Write your answer on the lines below.
