Read each paragraph. Find the answer for each question.

Renée and Eddie have been best friends since they were in the high school band. Three years ago, they went to music school together. Although she plays many instruments, Renée's favorite is the electric guitar. Eddie plays the violin and cello. Both Eddie and Renée live in New York. As part of their jobs, they travel all over the country performing for appreciative audiences.

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How are Renée and Eddie alike?

How are Renée and Eddie different?

Which friend is more likely to play classical music?

Which friend is more likely to play in a rock band?

Dr. Fine and Dr. Howard are scientists at Beckley University. Dr. Fine is a chemist who does experiments in a lab. He and his research assistants are looking for a cure for the common cold. Dr. Fine has published several books, and students at the university enjoy listening to his lectures. It's hard to enroll in his classes!

Dr. Howard is an oceanographer who travels the world to study the sea. He is doing research on underwater volcanoes. Dr. Howard has traveled in a submersible vehicle to the ocean floor and looked at the amazing plants and animals that survive there without ever seeing light.

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How are Dr. Fine and Dr. Howard alike?

How are Dr. Fine and Dr. Howard different?

Which scientist is more likely to go deep-sea diving?

Which scientist is more likely to be found at the university?





Teri is a playwright. You can see one of her plays at the local theater. She got her start writing plays for children, and our school has taken several field trips to see her productions. Wendy is an actress in one of Teri's plays. With her strong singing voice and intense personality, she often plays the lead. Even though she is a strong writer, Teri is very shy. Wendy, on the other hand, will introduce herself to complete strangers. Teri and Wendy became friends when they were in drama school. With their interest in children's theater, they will probably stay friends for years to come.



When you tell how two things are alike, you are **comparing** them. When you tell how two things are different, you are contrasting them.



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Objective: Compare and contrast two people or characters to answer literal questions.

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