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Compare/Contrast 1: Venn Diagrams

### The Ant and the Grasshopper

On a warm summer day, a grasshopper leaped about in a field, singing merrily. Nearby, an ant was working very hard under the hot sun. One by one he lifted heavy kernels of corn onto his shoulders and carried them back to his nest.

"Come join me!" called the grasshopper. "We will sing and dance all day!"

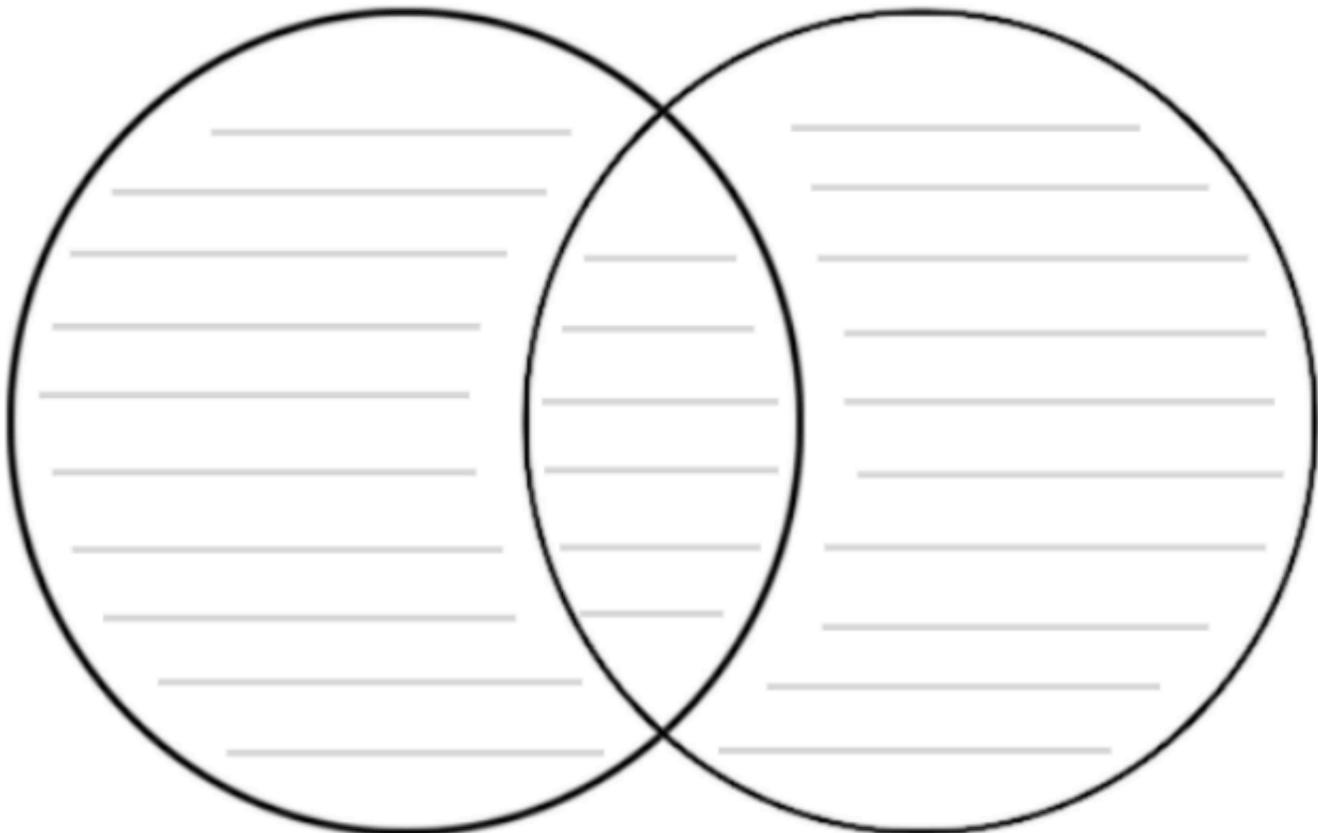
"I have no time to sing and dance," replied the ant. "I'm gathering food for the long winter ahead. You should do the same, if you know what's good for you."

The grasshopper laughed. "I have plenty to eat right now. Winter is a long time off. Why worry on such a wonderful day?"

Summer turned to autumn, autumn turned to winter. Now the field was covered in snow. The ant was burrowed deep in his nest, warm and content. He had enough food to last the whole winter. But the grasshopper was no longer singing a happy song.

"It's freezing," he shivered. "I'm starving! If only I had listened to the ant's advice!"

**Moral: There is a time for work and a time for play**



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## Compare/Contrast 2: Idioms

Idioms are phrases that do not really mean what they say. Match each idiom with its actual meaning by writing the number of each idiom next to its meaning.

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| 1. hit the road         | _____ | to quit                       |
| 2. blow a fuse          | _____ | to get angry                  |
| 3. go for it            | _____ | to eat a large amount of food |
| 4. call it a day        | _____ | to study                      |
| 5. eat like a horse     | _____ | to go away                    |
| 6. see eye to eye       | _____ | to start over                 |
| 7. hit the books        | _____ | to relax                      |
| 8. eat like a bird      | _____ | to try really hard            |
| 9. turn over a new leaf | _____ | to agree                      |
| 10. take it easy        | _____ | to eat a small amount of food |

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Compare/Contrast 3

### Best Friends

Jeff and Derek are best friends. They are in the same class at school and they are on the same soccer team. Jeff is eight years old and Derek is nine. Derek rides a bus to school, but Jeff walks. Jeff loves to play outside, but Derek would rather play indoor games. In school, Jeff is very good at math. Derek is a good writer. They both love recess time!

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| 1. Both Jeff and Derek play soccer.            | Yes  | No    |
| 2. Both Jeff and Derek are the same age.       | Yes  | No    |
| 3. Both Jeff and Derek like to play outside.   | Yes  | No    |
| 4. Jeff is probably better at math than Derek. | Yes  | No    |
| 5. Both Jeff and Derek dislike recess.         | Yes  | No    |
| 6. Who would rather ride bikes?                | Jeff | Derek |
| 7. Who would rather play video games?          | Jeff | Derek |
| 8. Who would be a good letter writer?          | Jeff | Derek |

**Which friend are you more alike?**

I am more like \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_

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Compare/Contrast 4

**Animal Sorts**

Pets	Zoo Animals	Wild Animals
Backyard Animals	Farm Animals	

Study the categories above. Decide which title goes with each list and write it beside the correct group of animals.

1. Bear, deer, raccoon, wolf, skunk: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Robin, squirrel, skunk, blue jay, rabbit: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Cat, dog, rabbit, hamster, fish: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Lion, monkey, elephant, seal, wolf: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Horse, cow, chicken, pig, duck: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Which three animals appear on more than one list?  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Which two animal groups would you likely see in an urban setting?  
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8. Which five animals are not mammals?  
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Compare/Contrast 5

### Fact and Opinion

Pizza is probably the world's most perfect food. It has everything a well-balanced meal needs: grains, fruits and vegetables, dairy, protein and just a bit of fat. The crust is delicious and it is made from wheat. The tasty tomato sauce is actually from the fruit of the tomato plant, and by adding mushrooms (the best vegetable there is), you get your veggies in! The gooey cheese is made from milk and is also a great source of protein. I never put disgusting sausage on my pizza - it tastes terrible and is really greasy. As long as I have it my way, I love pizza!

Fact	Opinion