

# Reading Comprehension Worksheet: Compare and Contrast

Read the short story and answer each question.



## Ben's Big Hill

Ben stood at the bottom of a grassy hill. It looked tall.

He took a deep breath and started to climb.

His legs felt wobbly. His backpack bounced.

He stopped halfway and looked up. "I can do this," he said.

He kept going. Step, step, step.

At the top, Ben smiled. "I did it!"

He waved to his dad below. "I'm not scared anymore!"

## Lila's Loud Song

Lila stood on stage. The lights were bright.

She held the microphone with both hands.

The room was full of people.

Her heart thumped.

"I'm nervous," she whispered.

Then she saw her mom in the front row, smiling.

Lila took a deep breath—and sang.

The sound filled the room.

Everyone clapped. Lila laughed. "I did it!"



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## Ben's Big Hill & Lila's Loud Song

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**1. What is something both Ben and Lila do in their stories?**

- A. They go on stage
- B. They take deep breaths and keep trying
- C. They go home early
- D. They sing together

**2. How are their adventures different?**

- A. Ben climbs a hill, and Lila sings on stage
- B. Lila climbs a hill, and Ben paints
- C. Ben sings, and Lila sleeps
- D. They both run races

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**3. Fill in the blank:**

Lila saw her \_\_\_\_\_ smiling in the front row.

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**4. How do Ben and Lila both show courage in their stories?**

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**5. Which adventure would you rather try—climbing a hill or singing on stage? Why?**

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# Parent and Teacher Guide

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**Guide Reading Level:** E

**Lexile Level:** 10L-160L

**Grade Level:** 1st Grade, Beginning of the Year

**Genre:** Realistic Fiction

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## Introducing the Text

*"Today we'll read two short stories about kids doing something that makes them a little nervous. One is about climbing a big hill, and the other is about singing in front of people. After we read, we'll compare how the characters are alike and how their adventures are different."*

**Vocabulary:** hill, climb, nervous, stage, clapped

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## Before Reading Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever tried something new that made you nervous?
  2. What helps you feel brave when you're scared?
  3. Do you think all adventures are the same?
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## During Reading Discussion Questions

1. What challenge does Ben face? What does Lila face?
  2. What helps each of them keep going?
  3. How do they feel at the end?
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## After Reading Discussion Questions

1. What is the same about Ben's and Lila's stories?
  2. What is different about their adventures?
  3. How does each character show courage in their own way?
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## Activity Idea

Have students fold a paper in half. On one side, they draw Ben's adventure. On the other side, they draw Lila's. Under each picture, they write one way the adventures are the same and one way they are different. Then share and discuss as a class or group.

