

Reading Comprehension Worksheet: Compare and Contrast

Read the short story and answer each question.



Pip and the Bubble Boat

Pip lived in a village made of soap bubbles. One day, she built a boat from a giant bubble shell.

She pushed it into the lake and climbed in. The boat floated like a feather.

But suddenly—a sharp wind! The bubble boat wobbled.

Pip held on tight. "Stay strong, little boat!"

The wind passed, and the boat sailed smoothly again.

Pip reached the other side and smiled. "Adventure complete!"

Jay's Bike Ride

Jay put on his helmet and zipped his coat. He was ready for his first ride to the park.

He started slow. The wind brushed his cheeks.

Halfway there, a squirrel ran across the path!

Jay wobbled, but didn't fall.

He kept going, eyes forward, hands tight on the bars.

At the park, he smiled. "I did it!"



Name: _____

Pip and the Bubble Boat & Jay's Bike Ride

1. What is something both Pip and Jay do?

- A. They travel across something and face a challenge
- B. They ride a horse
- C. They bake something new
- D. They go to school

2. How are their adventures different?

- A. Pip sails a bubble boat; Jay rides a bike
- B. Jay flies a kite; Pip eats cake
- C. Pip is scared of squirrels; Jay is in a bubble
- D. They both stay indoors

3. Fill in the blank:

Jay wobbled when a _____ ran across the path.

4. How are Pip's and Jay's experiences the same?

5. What makes Pip's adventure more like a fantasy and Jay's more like real life?



Parent and Teacher Guide

Guide Reading Level: F

Lexile Level: 85L-225L

Grade Level: 1st Grade, Beginning of the Year

Genre: Fantasy & Realistic Fiction

Introducing the Text

"Today we'll read two adventure stories—one from a bubble world and one in a regular neighborhood. As we read, we'll compare how each character handles a challenge and what makes their adventures the same or different."

Vocabulary: bubble, floated, squirrel, wobbled, challenge

Before Reading Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever gone on a short adventure like riding a bike or trying something new?
 2. Do all stories take place in the real world?
 3. What do you think makes an adventure exciting?
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During Reading Discussion Questions

1. What problem does Pip face? What about Jay?
 2. How do they both keep going when something goes wrong?
 3. What clues tell you Pip's story is fantasy?
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After Reading Discussion Questions

1. How are the characters alike in how they handle their adventure?
 2. What's different about where their stories take place?
 3. Would you rather float in a bubble boat or ride your bike to the park? Why?
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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.

