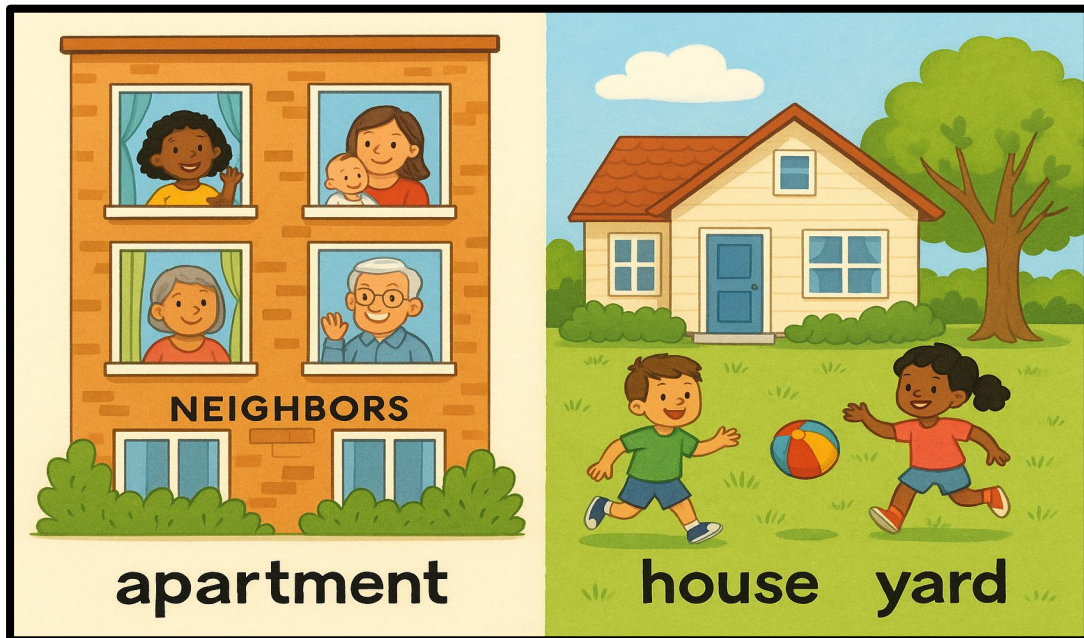


Reading Comprehension Worksheet: Compare and Contrast

Read the short story and answer each question.



Living in an Apartment

An apartment is a home in a big building.

Many people live in the same building, but in different spaces.

Apartments can be on the first floor or very high up.

People share things like hallways and elevators.

Most apartments do not have a big yard.

Living in an apartment means you live close to your neighbors.

Living in a House

A house is a home that stands by itself.

Only one family lives in each house.

Houses usually have a front yard and a backyard.

People use a door to go outside and play.

Houses do not share walls with other homes.

Living in a house means more space and more privacy.



Name: _____

Living in an Apartment & Living in a House

1. Which kind of home usually shares walls with neighbors?

- A. Apartment
- B. House
- C. Tent
- D. Cabin

2. Which kind of home usually has its own backyard?

- A. Apartment
- B. Condo
- C. House
- D. Hotel

3. Fill in the blank:

People in an apartment often use the same _____ to get to their homes.

4. What is one difference between living in an apartment and living in a house?

5. What is one thing both homes have in common?



Parent and Teacher Guide

Guide Reading Level: H

Lexile Level: 200L-350L

Grade Level: 1st Grade, Middle of the Year

Genre: Nonfiction – Paired Informational Texts (Social Studies)

Introducing the Text

"Today we're going to read two nonfiction texts about where people live—apartments and houses. As we read, we'll think about how these two types of homes are alike and how they are different."

Vocabulary: apartment, house, neighbor, building, yard

Before Reading Discussion Questions

1. Where do you live—an apartment, a house, or something else?
 2. What do you think is the same about all homes?
 3. What do you think might be different between apartments and houses?
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During Reading Discussion Questions

1. What do people share in an apartment that they don't share in a house?
 2. Which home has more space for playing outside?
 3. What does each type of home help people do?
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After Reading Discussion Questions

1. Which kind of home would you like to live in? Why?
 2. What do both homes provide to the people who live there?
 3. How did the words and pictures help you compare the two homes?
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Activity Idea

Have students fold a paper in half. On one side, they draw an apartment building. On the other, they draw a house. Under each picture, they write one sentence comparing the two homes using words like "both," "but," or "while."

