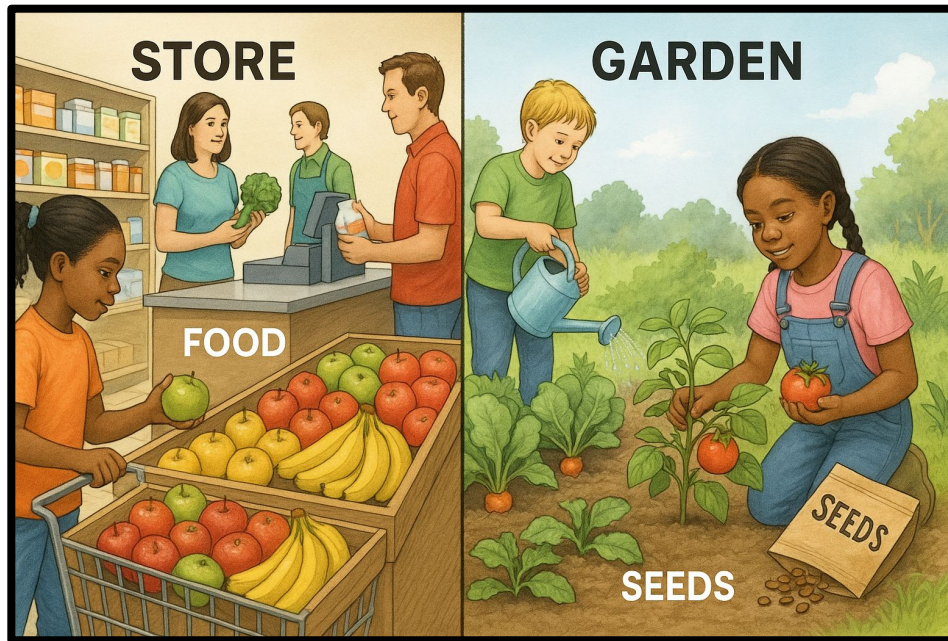


# Reading Comprehension Worksheet: Compare and Contrast

Read the short story and answer each question.



## Buying Food at the Store

People go to the store to buy food.

They put food in carts and pay at the counter.

Stores have fruits, vegetables, bread, and more.

Food comes from farms and is packed in boxes or bags.

You can buy food any day of the week.

Stores help people get what they need quickly.

## Growing Food in a Garden

Some people grow food in gardens.

They plant seeds in the dirt and give them water and sunlight.

Fruits and vegetables grow slowly.

People pick them when they are ripe.

You can't grow food in all seasons.

Gardens take time, but they are fun and healthy.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Buying Food at the Store & Growing Food in a Garden

1. How do people get food from a store?

- A. They grow it in their backyard
- B. They trade it with neighbors
- C. They pick it from trees
- D. They buy it and carry it home

2. How do people grow food in a garden?

- A. They plant seeds and care for them
- B. They build shelves and stack cans
- C. They go to the city
- D. They drive to the farm

3. Fill in the blank:

Both stores and gardens help people get \_\_\_\_\_.

4. What is one way getting food from a store is different from growing it in a garden?

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5. What is one thing both stores and gardens help people do?

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# Parent and Teacher Guide

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**Guide Reading Level:** I

**Lexile Level:** 240L-390L

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

**Genre:** Nonfiction – Paired Informational Texts (Everyday Life)

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## Introducing the Text

*"Today we're reading two nonfiction texts about how people get food—one about buying it at the store and one about growing it in a garden. As we read, we'll look for how the two texts are alike and how they are different."*

**Vocabulary:** store, garden, seeds, fruits, vegetables

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## Before Reading Discussion Questions

1. Where does your family get food?
  2. Have you ever grown something in a garden?
  3. Why do you think people use both stores and gardens?
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## During Reading Discussion Questions

1. What happens in a grocery store that doesn't happen in a garden?
  2. What do both texts say about fruits and vegetables?
  3. What do the pictures help you understand about each method?
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## After Reading Discussion Questions

1. Why might someone choose to grow food instead of buying it?
  2. What is one thing you learned about how food gets to people?
  3. What would you add to both texts if you were writing them?
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## Activity Idea

Give students a T-chart with "Store" on one side and "Garden" on the other. Ask them to draw or write one fact for each and one thing they both do. Then color pictures of food in each column.

