

# Reading Comprehension Worksheet: Compare and Contrast

Read the short story and answer each question.



## Leo and the Lost Key

Leo hiked up the rocky hill behind his house. In his pocket, he carried a map he had drawn himself.

"X marks the spot," he said.

At the top of the hill, he looked around. Nothing but rocks and grass.

Then he saw it—something shiny near a tree root.

He pulled out a small golden key!

"What does this open?" he wondered.

He smiled. "Another adventure for another day."

## Ivy and the Whispering Tree

Ivy loved to read under the big willow tree.

One afternoon, the tree whispered, "I have a secret."

Ivy leaned closer. "What is it?"

The tree's branches swirled and shaped a doorway in its trunk.

Ivy stepped through—and found a glowing library inside, with books that floated!

She gasped and opened a book. The pages shimmered with magic words.

"Best secret ever," Ivy whispered back.



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

## Leo and the Lost Key & Ivy and the Whispering Tree

1. What do Leo and Ivy both do?

- A. They both find something exciting that leads to a mystery
- B. They both plant flowers
- C. They both run a race
- D. They both ride a dragon

2. How are their adventures different?

- A. Leo finds a real key; Ivy finds a magical tree
- B. Leo finds a door; Ivy finds a ladder
- C. Ivy finds a key in the grass; Leo finds a magic book
- D. They both go fishing

3. Fill in the blank:

Ivy found a glowing \_\_\_\_\_ inside the tree.

4. How do Leo's and Ivy's discoveries make them feel?

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5. How are the settings in Leo's and Ivy's stories different?

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# Parent and Teacher Guide

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**Guide Reading Level:** J

**Lexile Level:** 290L-450L

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

**Genre:** Adventure & Fantasy (Fiction)

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## Introducing the Text

*"Today we'll read about two exciting discoveries—one about a real hidden key and one about a magical tree with secrets. As we read, let's pay attention to how Leo's and Ivy's adventures are alike and how they are different."*

**Vocabulary:** map, root, shimmering, secret, adventure

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## Before Reading Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever found something surprising outside?
  2. What's the difference between a real-world adventure and a fantasy story?
  3. What clues in a picture might show if something is magical?
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## During Reading Discussion Questions

1. What does Leo find? What does Ivy find?
  2. How do the pictures help you imagine each adventure?
  3. What do the characters do after they discover something special?
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## After Reading Discussion Questions

1. How are Leo's and Ivy's experiences the same?
  2. What makes their stories different?
  3. Which adventure would you like to have—finding a key or stepping into a magical tree?
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## Activity Idea

Students can create a "mystery discovery" drawing: half real (like Leo's key) and half magical (like Ivy's tree). They can then explain what's the same (e.g., both are surprises) and what's different (e.g., one is magical).

