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## Compare and Contrast

### Focus

Writers compare and contrast to paint a clear picture of the people and things they are writing about.

- To **compare** means to tell how things, ideas, events, or characters are alike.
- To **contrast** means to tell how things, ideas, events, or characters are different.

### Practice

Read each sentence below. Look at the underlined word or words. Is it a clue word for comparison or for contrast? Label each sentence *compare* or *contrast*.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Like my mother, my dad wants to go on a trip to the mountains.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. I'd like to do my homework instead of mowing the grass.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Unlike my cat, my dog comes running when I call its name.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. I enjoy going to the movies, and my sister does, also.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Rather than opening the gifts now, let's wait until all the guests arrive.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Both Voyager 1 and 2 are space probes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Music class is enjoyable, and gym class is too.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Ben wanted to have carrots, but Annie chose green beans.