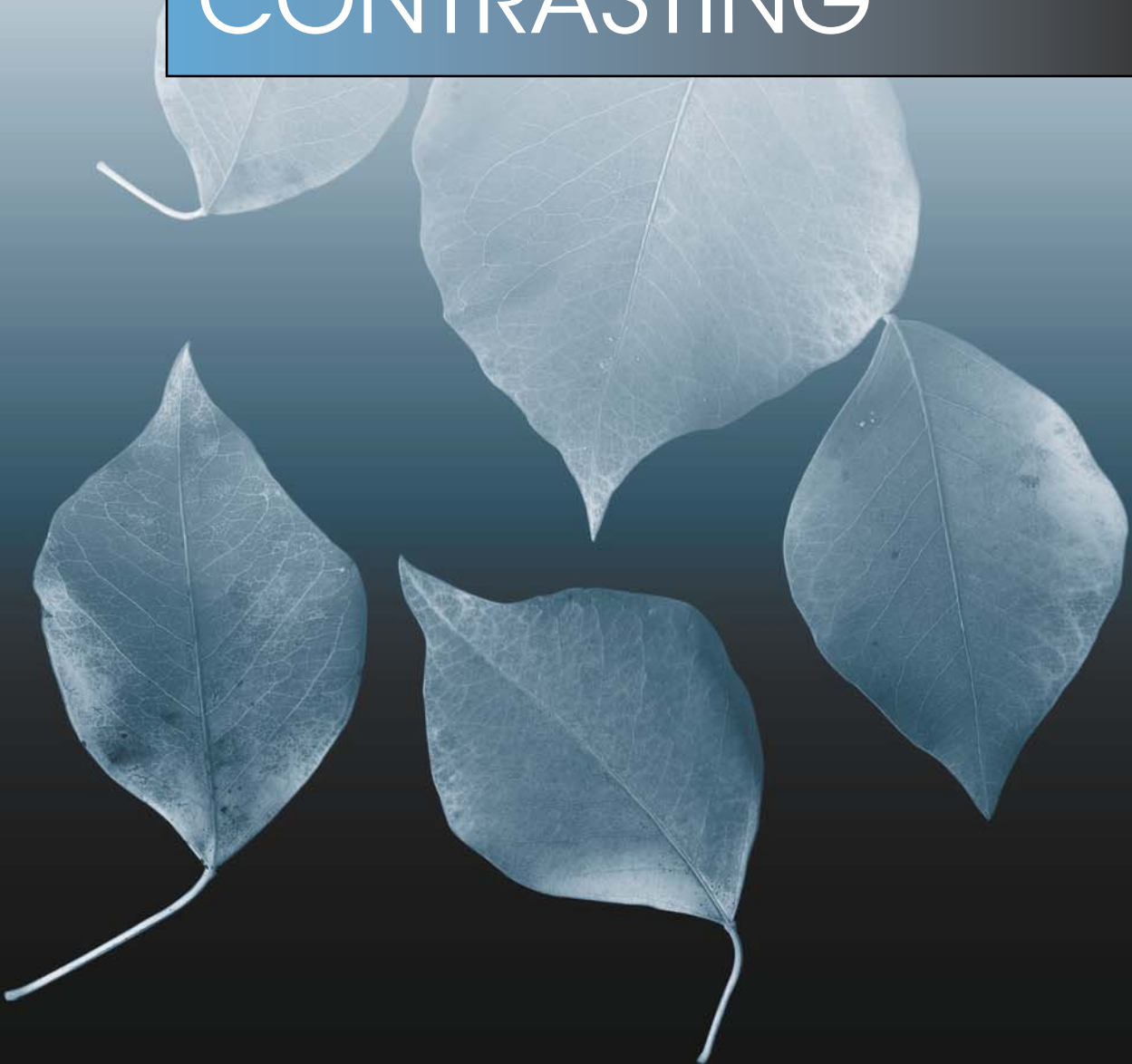


FOCUS on

COMPARING AND CONTRASTING



To the Student

In *FOCUS on Comparing and Contrasting, Book A*, you will read passages and answer questions. You will practice using the reading strategy called Comparing and Contrasting. You will learn about the strategy on the Learn About pages. You will see a sample passage, sample questions, and sample answer choices on the Lesson Preview pages. Then you will practice using the strategy in twenty lessons.

Each lesson has a passage and five questions. First, read the passage. Then answer the five questions. For the first four questions, fill in the correct answers on the Answer Form. It is on page 53. Or, you may fill in the correct answers right on the page. For the fifth question, write the answer on the lines on the page. Fill in the circle on the Answer Form to show that you have done the fifth question.

After you finish each lesson, use the Tracking Chart that is on page 47. Show when you finished the lesson. Show how many questions you answered correctly. After you finish each group of five lessons, do the self-assessment. This will let you see how you are doing.

So . . . FOCUS and enjoy!

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Learn About

Comparing and Contrasting

Comparing is finding how things are like each other, or *alike*. **Contrasting** is finding how things are *different*. You can compare or contrast two or more people, places, things, and events.

When you read a story or a passage, think about the people, places, things, or events that you have read about. Ask yourself, “How are they alike? How are they different?”

Read this passage. Think about how breakfast and lunch are alike. Think about how breakfast and lunch are different.

Both breakfast and lunch are two important times when you eat. You eat breakfast and lunch during the day. Breakfast and lunch let your growing body have the foods that it needs. Eating a good breakfast and lunch will help you do the things you have to do.

You eat breakfast first, in the morning. You might eat breakfast at home. You might have a juice, fruit, milk, bread, or eggs.

Lunch is *different* from breakfast. You eat lunch second, in the afternoon. You might eat lunch at home or at school. You might have milk, soup, fruit, bread, or meat.



	Breakfast	Lunch
Alike	during day	during day
Different	morning	afternoon

Compare breakfast and lunch. Think about how they are alike. Ask yourself, “How are breakfast and lunch alike?”

Both breakfast and lunch are important times when you eat. You eat breakfast and lunch during the day.

Contrast breakfast and lunch. Think about how they are different. Ask yourself, “How are breakfast and lunch different?”

You eat breakfast in the morning. But you eat lunch in the afternoon.

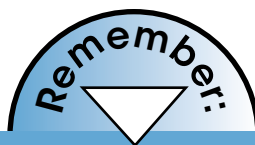
Clue words can tell you about comparisons and contrasts in what you read.

For comparisons, look for clue words that tell how things are alike. The words *same*, *both*, *like*, and *alike* tell ways in which things are the same.

For contrasts, look for clue words that tell how things are different. The words *but*, *not like*, and *different* tell ways in which things are different.

What clue word is used to tell how breakfast and lunch are alike?
The clue word *both* is used.

What clue word is used to tell how breakfast and lunch are different?
The clue word *different* is used.



Comparing is finding how things are alike.
Contrasting is finding how things are different.

Lesson 1

Here is an article about two city parks. Read the article. As you read, think about how the two parks are alike. Think about how the two parks are different. Look for clue words.

Two Great Parks



I visited two parks in the city. Both parks are free. Green Park is at the south end of the city. Mayor's Park is at the north end.

Green Park is really green. It has many trees, plants, and beautiful flowers. It has birds and a small pond with fish. It also has chairs, so you can sit down.



Green Park is quiet and pretty. But Mayor's Park has more things for kids to do. Mayor's Park has bike paths. It has trails. It has a pool. It has swings.

Green Park is open during the day. It closes when it gets dark. Mayor's Park is open during the day and night. It stays open late.

We are lucky to live in a city with two great parks!

Answer these questions about the article.

1. How are Green Park and Mayor's Park alike?

- Ⓐ Both Green Park and Mayor's Park are open at night.
- Ⓑ Both Green Park and Mayor's Park are at the south end of the city.
- Ⓒ Both Green Park and Mayor's Park are free.

3. What is one way Green Park is different from Mayor's Park?

- Ⓐ Green Park is open only during the day.
- Ⓑ Green Park costs money.
- Ⓒ Green Park is outside the city.

2. What is another way Green Park and Mayor's Park are alike?

- Ⓐ Both Green Park and Mayor's Park are at the north end of the city.
- Ⓑ Both Green Park and Mayor's Park have swings.
- Ⓒ Both Green Park and Mayor's Park are open during the day.

4. What is another way Green Park is different from Mayor's Park?

- Ⓐ Green Park is open late.
- Ⓑ Green Park has swings.
- Ⓒ Green Park has a pond with fish.

**5. Tell one way that Mayor's Park is different from Green Park.
Use a clue word.**
