

COMPARE



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BEARS

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# Materials:

- Scissors

# Directions:

1. Read the two short stories about Bear, noticing similarities and differences along the way.
2. Complete the comparison chart.
3. Depending on your answers, not all squares may be used.
4. Optional extension of this activity: Cut apart the pieces, mix them up, and sort them using two paper plates to make a Venn Diagram.

# Bear and Badger

Bear and Badger were the best of friends. They laugh when times are comical. They celebrate when times are worthy. They help each other in times of need. But most of all, they protect each other in times of fright.

Bear, who was the biggest animal of the forest, was also the most afraid. His biggest fear was when the cold months were approaching. Every year, he would worry about eating enough food and finding a safe shelter. Badger, his best friend, would reassure him that working together they can accomplish anything.

Badger helped Bear to find many berries, fish, and insects to eat before he would sleep. They also found a place where Bear could hibernate safely. In the end, the friends were able to celebrate and say goodbye till spring.

# Bear and Beetle

Bear and Beetle were the biggest enemies of all. The biggest difference between them was not what you would expect. Of course, Bear was the biggest while Beetle was the smallest. But it was Beetle's behavior that set them apart. Beetle was known to be rude and horrid, which, made him the scariest animal of the forest.

Bear was out one morning collecting berries when Beetle surprised him from behind a bush. Boo! Bear dropped all of his berries and Beetle quickly scurried to eat them. Bear was saddened and cried out to Beetle, "Stop!" Bear was collecting food for hibernation and it was important that he ate as much as he could. Beetle felt badly and said he would help Bear find more food. Hesitantly, Bear agreed to the offer.

As Bear and Beetle hunted for food together, Bear asked why Beetle was mean to the other animals. Beetle told him that because of his size, he acted intimidating in order to survive. Bear reassured Beetle that the forest animals would not treat him differently; Bear would know being the biggest. Beetle thought to himself what he should do... and friends, that's where our story ends... What do you think Beetle will do?

Title of Story #1:

# SIMILARITIES

Title of Story #2:

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The characters are

What's the same  
about the  
characters?

The characters are

The setting is

Are there  
similarities between  
the settings?

The setting is

The theme is

Are the themes  
alike?

The theme is

