

Comparing Two Texts on the Same Topic

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Quick Review

Two texts can be about the same topic. To compare, ask how they are the same. To contrast, ask how they are different.

PART 1 — READ

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

Two Texts About Dogs

Text 1: Dogs as Pets. A dog can be a great pet. Dogs are friendly and love to play. A pet dog needs food, water, and a warm bed. It also needs walks and care. A dog gives love back to its family.

Text 2: Dogs That Work. Some dogs do not stay home as pets. They have jobs to help people. A guide dog helps a person who cannot see. A farm dog helps move sheep. A rescue dog helps find people who are lost.

Both texts are about dogs. Both texts tell that dogs help people in some way. But Text 1 is about pet dogs that live with a family. Text 2 is about working dogs that have important jobs.

PART 2 — PRACTICE

Read both short texts about dogs. Then answer each question.

1. What is the topic of both texts?
 - A. cats
 - B. dogs
 - C. birds
 - D. fish
2. What is Text 1 mostly about?
 - A. dogs that have jobs
 - B. dogs as pets in a family
 - C. how to train a horse
 - D. dogs that get lost



- 3. What is Text 2 mostly about?
 - A. dogs that work to help people
 - B. how to feed a pet dog
 - C. the best dog bed
 - D. playing with a puppy
- 4. What does a pet dog need, according to Text 1?
 - A. a job to do
 - B. food, water, and a warm bed
 - C. a flock of sheep
 - D. a person who cannot see
- 5. What job does a guide dog do in Text 2?
 - A. It moves sheep on a farm.
 - B. It helps a person who cannot see.
 - C. It plays with children.
 - D. It guards a warm bed.
- 6. How are the two texts the SAME?
 - A. Both are about dogs that help people in some way.
 - B. Both are about dogs that live on farms.
 - C. Both are about cats.
 - D. Both are about dogs that cannot see.
- 7. How are the two texts DIFFERENT?
 - A. One is about cats and one is about dogs.
 - B. Text 1 is about pet dogs and Text 2 is about working dogs.
 - C. One is about birds and one is about fish.
 - D. Text 1 is about food and Text 2 is about beds.
- 8. Both texts are about the same topic.
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- 9. Name one way the two texts are alike.

- 10. Name one way the two texts are different.



Answer Keys

- 1 A B C D
- 2 A B C D
- 3 A B C D
- 4 A B C D
- 5 A B C D

- 6 A B C D
- 7 A B C D
- 8 T F
- 9
- 10

Explanations

1. B	Both Text 1 and Text 2 are about dogs.
2. B	Text 1 is about dogs that are pets and live with a family.
3. A	Text 2 is about working dogs that have jobs.
4. B	Text 1 says a pet dog needs food, water, and a warm bed.
5. B	Text 2 says a guide dog helps a person who cannot see.
6. A	Paragraph 3 says both texts tell that dogs help people in some way.
7. B	Text 1 is about pet dogs, while Text 2 is about working dogs.
8. T	Both texts are about dogs, so they share the same topic.
9.	Answer: Both texts are about dogs, and both show that dogs help people. Accept any answer about both being about dogs or dogs helping people.
10.	Answer: Text 1 is about pet dogs at home, but Text 2 is about working dogs with jobs. Accept any answer that contrasts pet dogs with working dogs.



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