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Compare and Contrast: Setting

When you **compare and contrast**, you look for similarities and differences between two things.

Example: Squares and rectangles

Both have four sides and straight lines, but a square has four equal sides and a rectangle has two sides that are longer than the other two.

Practice: Read the two paragraphs. Then write a paragraph of your own that compares and contrasts the two settings.

The sun was blazing down on Jenna as she struggled to walk through the sand, but the swift breeze kept her from feeling too hot. She listened to the sounds around her—the call of a seagull, the crashing of the waves against the sand, the delighted cries of a young boy as he jumped over the surf. She looked at the bright umbrellas—red and yellow—dotting the beach for as far as her eyes could see. Only a few more steps, and Jenna would feel the cool water on her toes. Nothing to do today but enjoy the sand and water. What a perfect way to begin a summer vacation!

Even before he could see the river, Jason could hear the rushing of the water over the rocks. He followed his dad as they carried the kayak down the last few steps of the path to the water's edge. They would put the kayak in here—where the water was smooth and peaceful. Then, the fun would begin, as they approached the rapids further down. While his dad got ready, Jason looked around. It was cool here in the shade of the tall trees and in the shadow of the mountain peaks. What a perfect way to begin a summer vacation!
