

Name: _____ Reading Comprehension: Compare and Contrast

Tall Mary and Short Harry

Tall Mary

Mary was a tall lady who lived in a big house near the sea. She liked to go fishing and, she worked as a house painter for a living. Mary did not need a ladder because she was so tall. Sometimes she could not fit through the doorways of stores and houses because she was so tall! When Mary came home from work each day, she would sit in her backyard, and watch dolphins swim by.

Short Harry

Harry was a short man who owned a paint store. His friend, Tall Mary would come by almost every day to buy paint for her job. Sometimes they would laugh because Mary had to bend down to get through the front door of the store. Harry did not like to paint, but he would often go fishing with Mary. The two people were very good friends!

1. In these stories, how were Mary and Harry alike?

- a. They are both tall.
- b. They are both short.
- c. They both like fishing.
- d. They both like to paint.

2. How are Mary and Harry different?

- a. Harry likes to fish and Mary doesn't.
- b. Harry lives near the water and Mary doesn't.
- c. Harry is shy and Mary is outgoing.
- d. Harry has a store and Mary doesn't.

3. When they are in Harry's paint store, what is funny?

- a. Mary eats the paint
- b. Mary comes by every day.
- c. Harry is too short to reach the counter.
- d. Mary is too tall to fit through the door.

4. What does Mary do when she goes home from work?

- a. She calls Harry on the phone.
- b. She paints houses.
- c. She watches dolphins.
- d. She books about the sea.