

Your child can compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., how characters interact).

- Draw on specific details given in the text.
- Compare and contrast characters based on their thoughts, words, actions, decisions, physical attributes, and interactions with others.
- Compare and contrast settings based on the time and place.
- Compare and contrast events based on the characters, action, or impact on other events in a story.

HELP AT HOME

- ▶ When visiting a new or unfamiliar place, ask your child questions such as: "How is (new place) similar to or different from our home?" Have the child explain his thoughts, using specific things he sees, hears, smells, or touches.

BASIC STORY ELEMENTS

Basic story elements include:

- **CHARACTERS:** persons (or even animals) who take part in the action of a short story.
- **SETTING:** the time and place in which a story happens.
- **PLOT:** the series of events that happen in the story.
- **CONFLICT:** the struggle between two people or things; the main character is usually involved in one side of the conflict.
- **THEME:** the central idea or belief in a story.

