



Comparing Texts

Name: _____

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Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Fix the Sentence

Each sentence has an error. Rewrite it correctly on the line.

1. Fix the sentence: Two texts about friendship must share the exact same theme.

Rewrite: _____

2. Fix the sentence: The central idea of a text is always stated in the first sentence.

Rewrite: _____

3. Fix the sentence: If two stories have different characters, they cannot share the same theme.

Rewrite: _____

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. A theme is the _____ or message that an author wants the reader to understand.
2. The central _____ is the most important point the author makes in a text.
3. Two texts may share a similar theme but use different _____ and settings to express it.
4. Comparing themes across texts helps readers see _____ patterns in literature.

Part C: Short Answer

Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

1. Story A is about a girl who practices piano every day and wins a competition. Story B is about a boy who trains hard and finishes his first marathon. What theme do both stories share?

2. Why is it useful to compare themes across different texts?

Answer Key · Comparing Texts · Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Fix the Sentence

Each sentence has an error. Rewrite it correctly on the line.

1. Fix the sentence: Two texts about friendship must share the exact same theme.

Rewrite: **Two texts about friendship may express different themes, such as loyalty or forgiveness.**

2. Fix the sentence: The central idea of a text is always stated in the first sentence.

Rewrite: **The central idea of a text may be stated directly or implied throughout the passage.**

3. Fix the sentence: If two stories have different characters, they cannot share the same theme.

Rewrite: **Two stories with different characters can still share the same theme if they teach a similar lesson.**

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. A theme is the lesson or message that an author wants the reader to understand.
2. The central idea is the most important point the author makes in a text.
3. Two texts may share a similar theme but use different characters and settings to express it.
4. Comparing themes across texts helps readers see common patterns in literature.

Part C: Short Answer

Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

1. Story A is about a girl who practices piano every day and wins a competition. Story B is about a boy who trains hard and finishes his first marathon. What theme do both stories share?

Both stories share the theme that hard work and dedication lead to success. Even though the characters pursue different goals, they both achieve them through persistent effort.

2. Why is it useful to compare themes across different texts?

Comparing themes helps readers notice that important life lessons appear in many different stories. It also helps readers think more deeply about what messages authors want to share.
