

Compare and contrast Venn diagram

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet

When we **compare** two things, we tell how they are **alike**.

When we **contrast** two things, we tell how they are **different**.

As you read these two texts, think about how the stories are alike and different.

Story #1

Enzo leaned back in his chair and stared out the classroom window. Summer vacation was only a few weeks away, and he couldn't stop thinking about it. This year, he was going to visit his grandparents in the countryside.

"I wonder if Grandpa still has the tire swing," he thought. Enzo imagined himself swinging as high as he could, with the warm breeze rushing past his face. He also thought about



Story #2

Charlotte tapped her pencil on her desk and smiled. Summer vacation was almost here, and she couldn't wait to spend it at home in the city. She already had so many fun ideas.

"Mom said we can go to the farmer's market," Charlotte thought. She loved seeing the fresh fruit, vegetables and colorful flowers at the market. She always picked out something special to take home,



the big hill behind their house. Grandpa always said that under the tree up there was the best place to spend a hot afternoon.

During recess, Enzo told his best friend, Levi, about his plans.

"I hope my grandpa lets me help him in his toolshed," Enzo said. "Last summer, we made a birdhouse. This year, I want to make a boat to float in the creek!"



Levi smiled. "Whoa, a boat sounds hard! You're lucky you get to visit them. I've never really been outside of our city."

"Yeah," Levi said. "I love walking in the woods near their house. You

like a bunch of flowers or a warm, buttery croissant from the bakery stand.

After school, Charlotte talked to her neighbor about her plans. "I'm going to take a painting class at the YMCA," Charlotte said. "I want to paint a picture of the city!"



"That sounds cool," Evie said. "What else are you going to do?"

Charlotte grinned. "I want to have picnics at the park with my mom, visit the library and maybe even play basketball!"

"That sounds fun!" Evie said. "If you play basketball, let me know. I

can hear so many birds singing, and there's this one spot where I always see frogs near the creek."

Levi's eyes widened. "Frogs? That's so cool! I wish I could come with you!"

Enzo nodded. "Maybe someday! My grandma always says that she'd like to meet my friends!"

As Enzo packed up his things at the end of the day, he smiled to himself. Summer couldn't come fast enough!



can show you some new moves I've been working on."

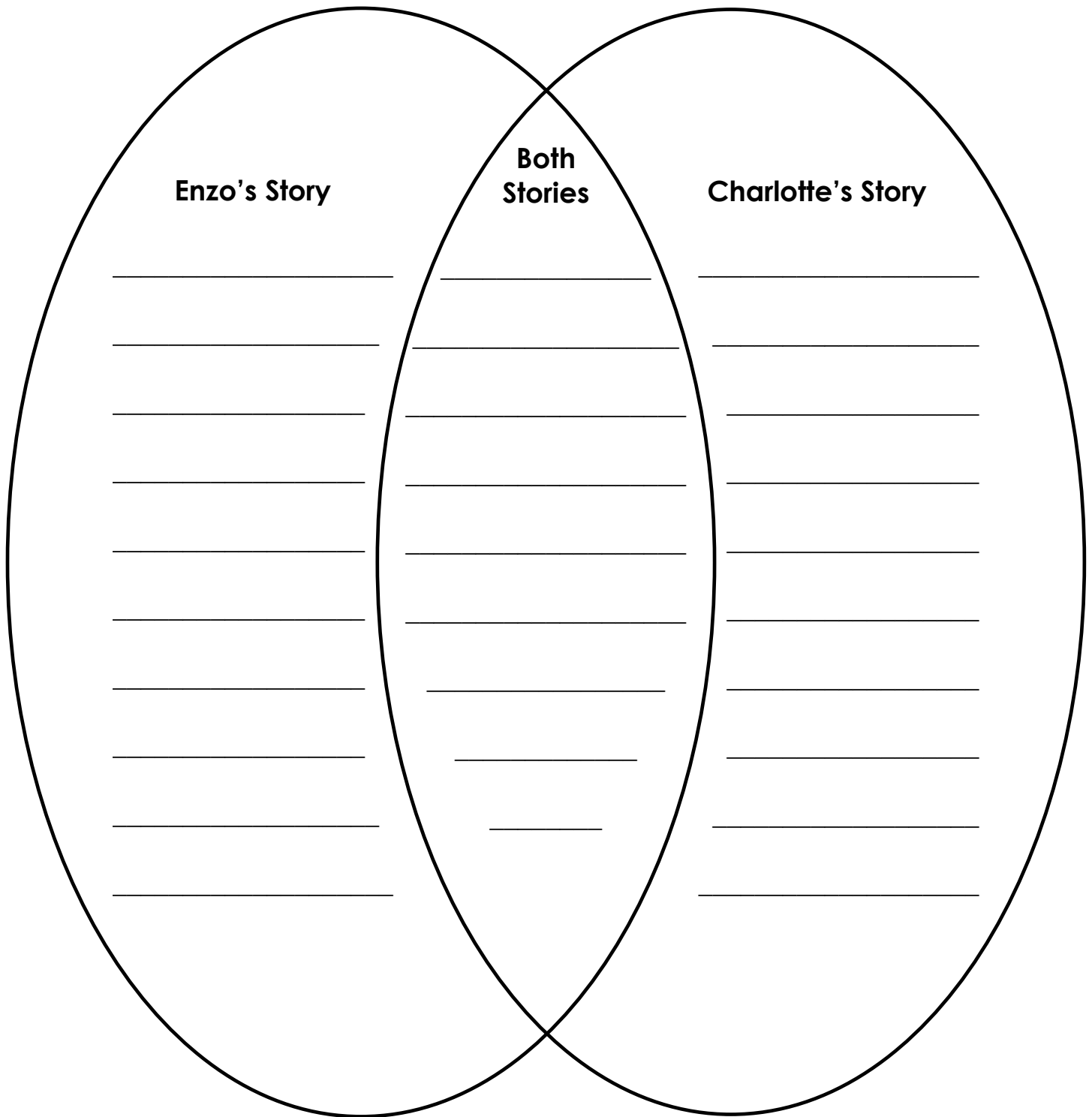
Charlotte laughed. "Okay! I'm also going to do the summer reading challenge at the library. I want to win this year!"

Evie smiled. "I'll probably see you there. I like spending my mornings at the library."

Charlotte nodded. She loved that her city always had a lot to do. She could do some things with her family, some things with her friends and some things all by herself. Best of all, there would be no homework to worry about!



Fill in the Venn Diagram with at least three similarities in the middle.
Then include at least three differences on each side.



Enzo's Story

Both Stories

Charlotte's Story

Answers

Similarities and differences may include any of the following:

Similarities:

1. Both Enzo and Charlotte are excited about summer vacation.
2. Both talk to a friend about their plans.
3. Both have fun activities they are looking forward to.
4. They want to spend time with family and friends.
5. Both enjoy outdoor activities.

Differences:

1. Enzo is visiting his grandparents in the countryside, while Charlotte is staying home in the city.
2. Enzo plans to explore nature, like swinging on a tire swing, walking in the woods and seeing frogs. Charlotte plans city activities like visiting the market, taking a painting class and playing basketball.