

# Compare and contrast Venn diagram

## Grade 3 Reading Worksheet

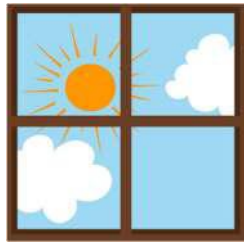
When we **compare** two things, we tell how they are **alike**.

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

Mazie woke up on a sunny Saturday morning, her favorite kind of day. She could already hear the birds chirping outside her window. After breakfast, her mom suggested a trip to the park, and Mazie was thrilled. She quickly packed her backpack with a water bottle, a book, a frisbee and a bag of crackers, just in case she got hungry.



When they arrived at the park, Mazie and her mom picked a spot under a big oak tree to lay their picnic blanket. Mazie decided to

### Story #2

Timmy woke up to the sound of his baby sister crying. It was a loud start to the day, but things got better when his mom said they were going to visit his cousins. Timmy loved spending time with them. He grabbed his favorite toy car, his lucky red cap and a snack for the car ride.

When they arrived, Timmy and his cousin Jake decided to go outside to play. They started with a game of tag on the grass. Timmy ran as fast as he could to avoid being caught, but Jake was just too fast!



read a chapter of her favorite book first. It was about a brave cat who traveled the world, and Mazie imagined what it would be like to go on an adventure.

After reading, she noticed a group of kids playing tag nearby. Mazie was shy at first but decided to join them. They wound up being really nice! The game ended when everyone was out of breath and flopped onto the soft grass, giggling.

When it was time for lunch, Mazie and her mom shared sandwiches, juicy apple slices and Mazie's favorite: chocolate chip cookies. Afterward, Mazie practiced throwing her frisbee. At first, it wobbled, but with her mom's encouragement, Mazie managed to throw it farther than she ever had before.

Before leaving, Mazie noticed a puppy sniffing around the grass near

No matter what Timmy tried, Jake always seemed to be faster. He was a year older, after all! It was still fun, though. After they got tired, they plopped onto the ground, laughing and out of breath.

Next, Jake suggested they make a treasure hunt. Together, they wrote clues and hid them around the backyard. Timmy came up with a tricky riddle, and Jake hid the "treasure" (a jar of cookies) under the big tree. When the hunt started, all the kids joined in, running to find each clue. Timmy loved seeing everyone work together to try to solve their riddle. When the treasure was found, they all shared the cookies.

For lunch, Timmy's aunt brought out sandwiches, apple slices and juice boxes. Everyone sat on a big picnic blanket in the yard. They talked and laughed as they ate, and

a tree. Its owner stood nearby, holding the leash. Mazie hesitated for a moment but then asked politely if she could pet the dog. The owner smiled and said, "Sure, he loves meeting new people." Mazie crouched down, and the puppy immediately wagged its tail and sniffed her hand. She gently patted its head. The puppy gave a little bark, making Mazie laugh. As she walked back to her mom, Mazie decided that meeting the puppy was her favorite part of the day.

When the sun began to set, Mazie and her mom packed up their things. Both Mazie and her mom were in a good mood after another fun day at the park!



Timmy felt happy being outside with his cousins.

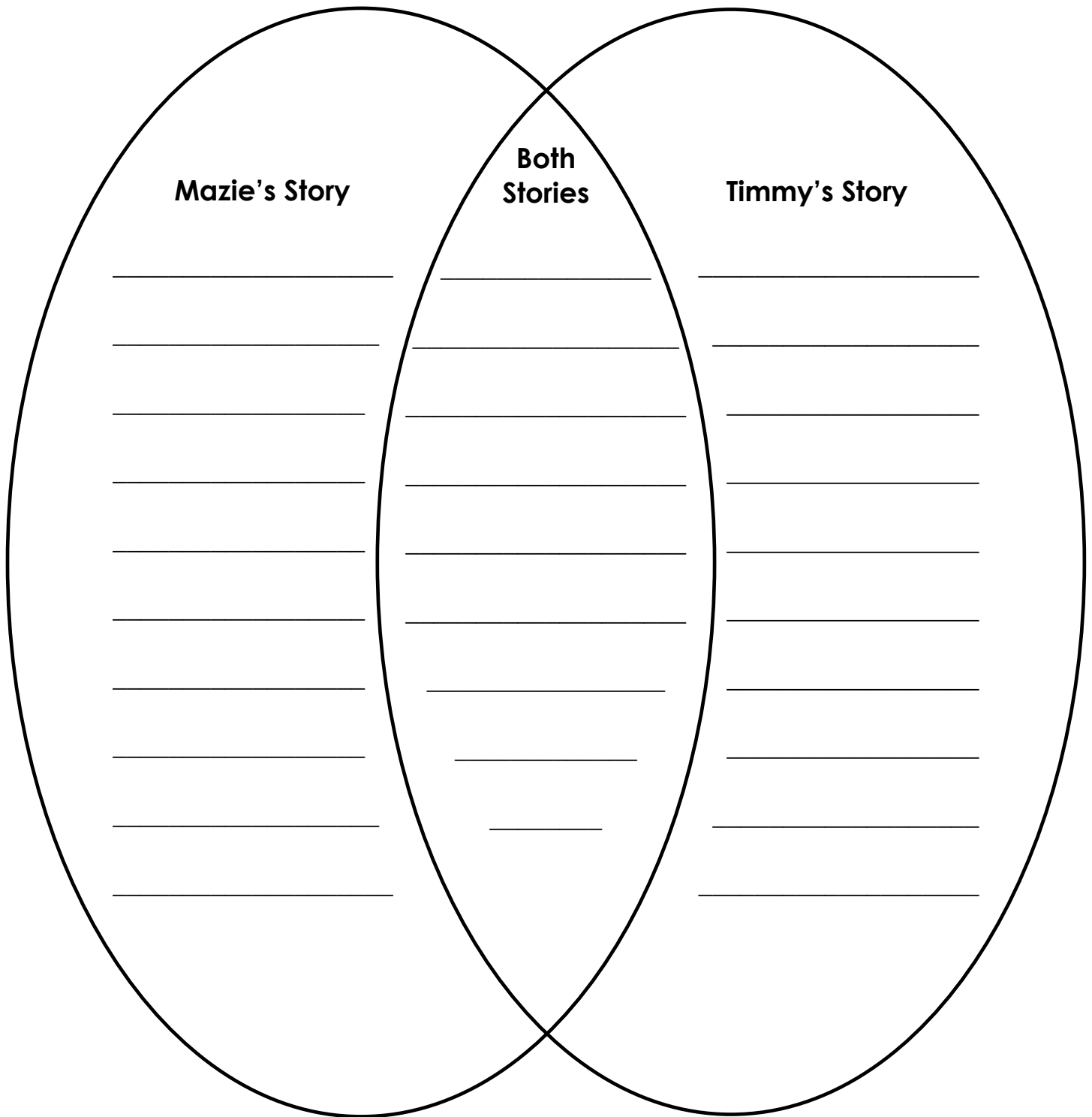
After lunch, they practiced throwing a baseball. Timmy pretended he was a pitcher! At first, his throws weren't very accurate. With Jake's encouragement, though, they got better and better each time!

As the day wound down, Timmy and Jake went inside to watch one of their favorite television shows. It was always more fun to watch TV with someone! The two boys talked about the show as they watched together.

When it was time to leave, Timmy's cousins gave him big hugs and promised to visit his house next weekend. On the ride home, Timmy couldn't stop talking about all the fun they had. He couldn't wait to play with his cousins again.



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



A Venn diagram with two overlapping circles. The left circle is labeled "Mazie's Story" and the right circle is labeled "Timmy's Story". The overlapping area in the center is labeled "Both Stories". Each circle contains ten horizontal lines for writing.

Mazie's Story	Both Stories	Timmy's Story

## Answers

*Similarities and differences may include any of the following:*

### **Similarities:**

1. Both Mazie and Timmy spent the day outdoors.
2. They both played a game of tag with other kids and laughed as they ran around.
3. Both stories had chocolate chip cookies!
4. Both improved their throws during the day.
5. Each had a picnic lunch with sandwiches and fruit.
6. Both really enjoyed their days!

### **Differences:**

1. Mazie spent her day at a park, while Timmy was at his cousins' house.
2. Mazie played frisbee with her mom, while Timmy played baseball with his cousin.
3. Timmy organized a treasure hunt, while Mazie read a book about a traveling cat.
4. Mazie met new kids, while Timmy spent the day with his family.
5. Mazie met a puppy at the end of her day, while Timmy watched a show.