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Reading Comprehension
Compare & Contrast

Passage 1 – (10 points)
The Unusual Spider

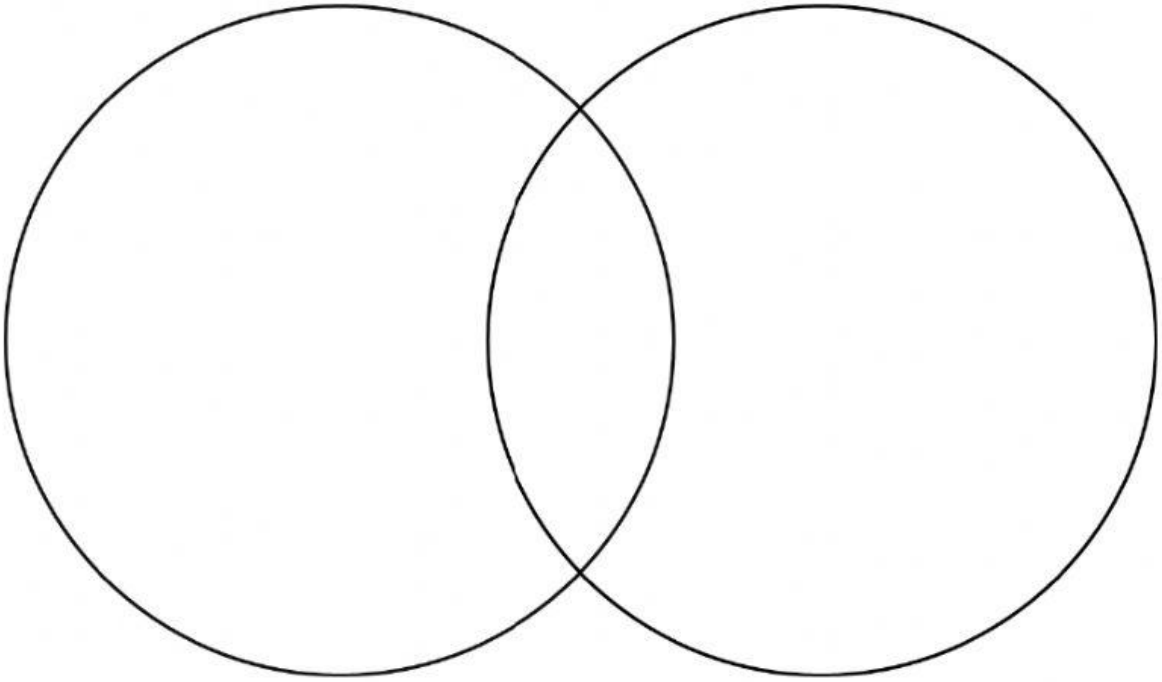
Do you know much about spiders? Most spiders live on land, but this spider is odd. It spends most of its time under water. It breathes underwater by making a tent full of air bubbles. But this spider can also survive on land.

The spider spins a web in the shape of a bell. Then it fastens its web to plants under the water. Next it swims up to the top of the water and traps a tiny bubble of air with its hairy back legs. The spider now drags the bubble to its web. This happens many times until its home is full of air. Then it sits happy and comfortable in its web. Finally, it's able to feed on tiny fish and other water animals that swim among the plants. As you can see, this is a very strange spider.

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1. Write **TWO** ways the spiders are similar and **TWO** ways they are different. (6)

_____ _____



2. Write the root word and the suffix that is used in the word **"making"**. (2)

Root word _____

Suffix _____

3. The word 'comfortable' is used in line eight of the passage. Which **ONE** of the following words mean the same as 'comfortable'? (1)

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4. What happens when this strange spider's work is done? Select the correct answer. (1)

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Passage 2 – (10 Points)
What Neat Cats!



Miss Johnson's class is studying cats. Samuel especially likes the cheetahs and leopards and is doing a report on them. During his research, Samuel has learned lots of interesting things. He didn't know that cheetahs and leopards were so similar! It's really kind of hard to tell them apart because both have tan – colored coats and black spots. However, the leopard's tail has dark rings around it.

In Samuel's report, he decides to include where these two cats live (Africa among other places) and what they eat. They both love antelope and the leopard. They also eat monkeys, snakes, sheep, goats, dogs, and other small prey. Samuel already knew that both cats hunt their prey, but he is surprised and happy to hear that leopards rarely attack humans. He also thinks it is great that the cheetah is the fastest animal for running short distances. He wishes he too could run up to 70 m.p.h.! Cats are really interesting animals.

1. Samuel knows one way to _____ tell leopards and cheetahs apart. Choose a word to complete the sentence. (1)

2. Select **T** for true and **F** for false for each of the statements. (6)

   - Leopard's tail have dark rings (T) (F)

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- Both types of cats eat dogs (T) (F)
- Only cheetahs eat antelopes (T) (F)
- Both live in Africa (T) (F)
- Cheetahs can run up to 170 m.p.h (T) (F)
- Leopards often eat humans (T) (F)

3. Leopards and Cheetahs have the following things in common. Select the correct answer. (1)
   a. Both hunt their prey.
   b. Both often attack humans.
   c. Both are tan with black spots.
   d. Both can run up to 70 m.p.h.

4. List **TWO** ways that leopard and cheetah differ from each other. (2)

   a. _____

   b. _____

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