

# Compare and Contrast

When you compare two pieces of writing, you look for things that are the same. When you contrast them, you look for things that are different.

**Directions:** Jimmy and Evelyn have both written about their recent birthday parties. Read both paragraphs. Then compare and contrast them by writing the things that they did on the lines below beneath their names. If they did anything that was the same, write it in the middle.

**JIM**

On my birthday, I went on a horseback trail ride with friends. We rode for an hour, then stopped for a picnic lunch. We had cake, and I opened a few small presents they had brought with them.

**EVELYN**

On my birthday I had a party! Six friends came over, and we played games. Then we had cake and ice cream, and I opened presents. I had one HUGE present, from my parents. It was a bicycle!

A Venn diagram consisting of two overlapping circles. The left circle is labeled 'JIM' and contains three horizontal lines for writing. The right circle is labeled 'EVELYN' and also contains three horizontal lines for writing. The overlapping area in the center is currently blank, intended for writing similarities between the two parties.