

## Reading Notes

# Compare & Contrast

When you look at two or more things to see how they are alike and different, you are comparing and contrasting them.

To **compare** means to discuss how things are similar or the same. Some key words for comparisons are *same, both, alike, like* and *as well as*.

To **contrast** means to discuss how things are different. Some words that show contrasts are *different, whereas, while, however, instead of, on the other hand* and *but*.

Comparing and contrasting can help you understand characters or events in a story. Writers may compare and contrast for you, or you may do this yourself. You can use a Venn Diagram to compare and contrast.

