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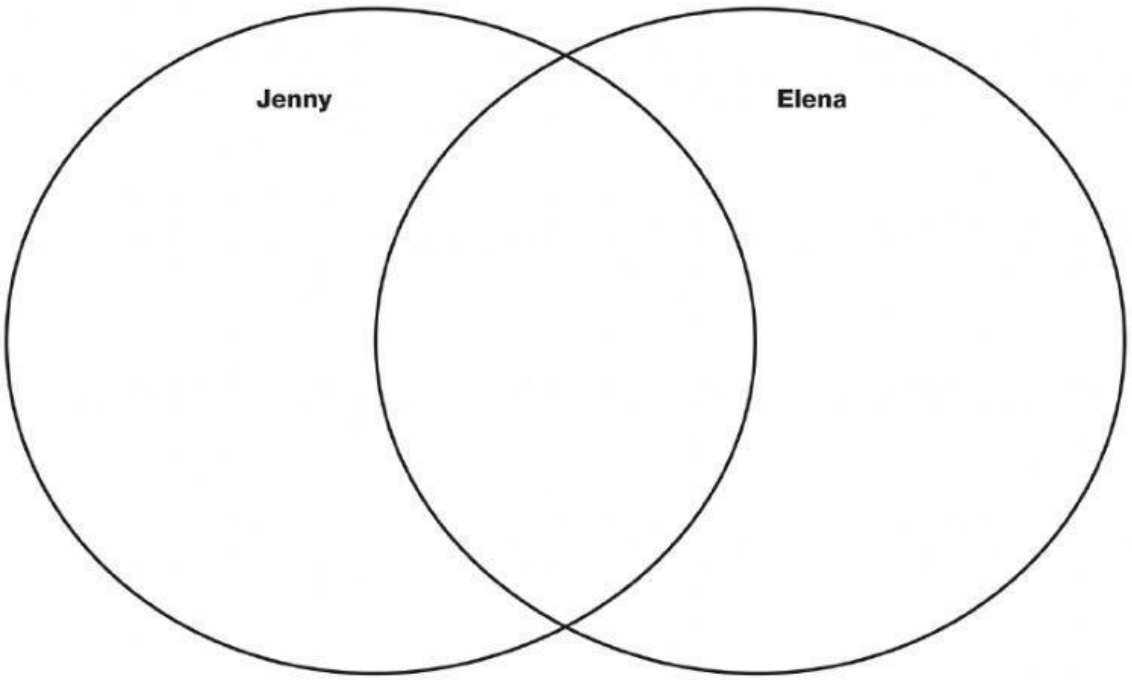
Compare and Contrast

- To **compare and contrast** is to tell how two or more things are alike and how they are different.

Directions Read the following passage. Then complete the diagram by listing Jenny's and Elena's similarities in the intersection of the circles and their differences on the outsides.

Jenny met Elena at dance class at the local community center. Although Jenny was two years older than Elena, they were in the same dance class because they were both beginners. Jenny was only taking the class because her mother made her take it. Her mother hoped Jenny would meet people and make some friends. They had just moved into the neighborhood three weeks ago.

On the other hand, Elena loved to dance and dreamed of becoming a dancer. She had finally convinced her mother to let her take dance lessons after begging her for months. On the first day of class, both Jenny and Elena were nervous. Now, after three weeks, they were pleased with their class and looked forward to seeing each other every week.



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School + Home **Home Activity** Your child identified the similarities and differences between two characters in a short passage. Read about two animals in an encyclopedia or other book and have your child identify the similarities and differences between the two animals.