

My School Holiday

A Difficult Choice

Emily and Zach are going on vacation, and they have to choose between Massachusetts and Arizona. Emily has always wanted to visit Boston, the capital of Massachusetts. Zach and she both agree that walking along the Freedom Trail would be cool, and they could see Boston's most famous historic landmarks.

Emily and Zach both love the beach. If they went to Massachusetts, they could spend a few days at the beaches on Cape Cod. They both enjoy building sandcastles with their mom and dad. Zach would body surf and Emily could walk along the beach.

Zach finds learning about Native Americans fascinating and has always wanted to travel along the Apache Trail in Arizona. Emily is not very interested in Native Americans; however, Emily and Zach would like to visit Phoenix, the capital, and then travel to Grand Canyon National Park.

The only bad thing of choosing Arizona, is that Zach doesn't like the weather, it is very hot and dry. Massachusetts, on the other hand, has mild temperatures of about 24°C.

How will they ever decide to which state they should travel? If only they could go to both places!

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1. "Pack" each suitcase to describe the two regions.

Freedom Trail

mid climate

Phoenix

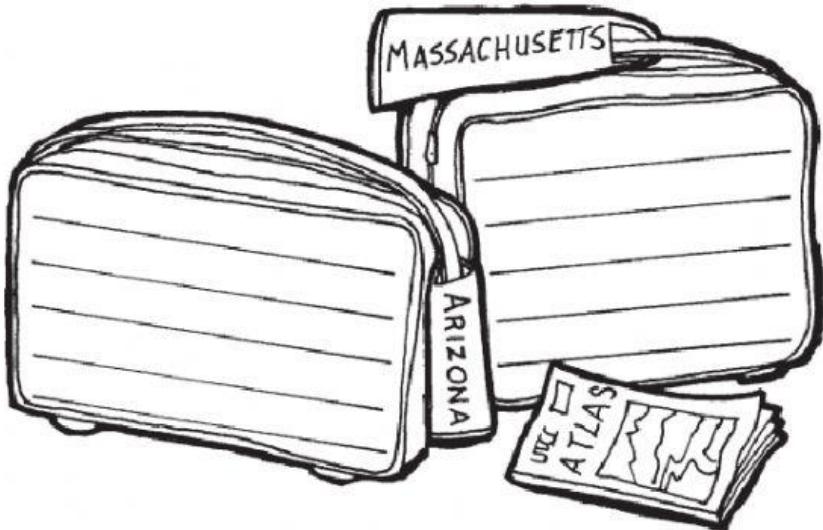
Boston

very hot

Apache Trail

Grand Canyon

Cape Code



2. Circle the things both Emily and Zach like or would like to see.

building castles Apache Trail visit Boston hot weather

Freedom Trail Native Americans Grand Canyon

3. How do Zach and Emily spend their time differently at the beach? _____

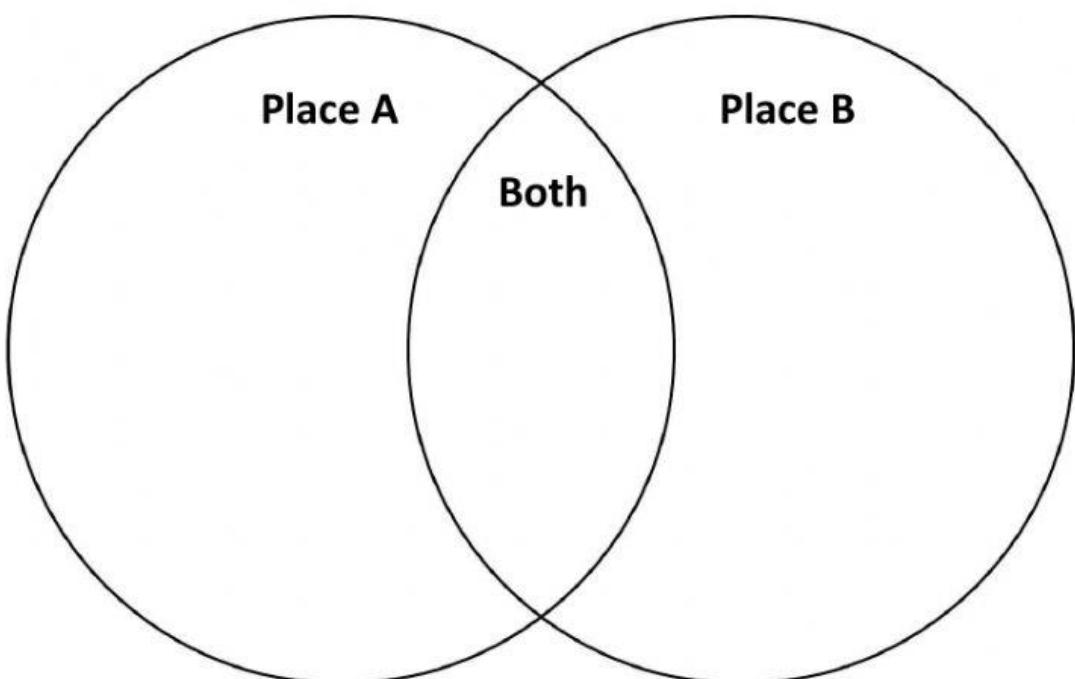


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Think about two places that you like or would like to go on vacation, and complete the diagram. How are they similar? How are they different? Think about the weather, the distance from your city, the places to visit, the activities you can do there.



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