

Compare and contrast

FICTION

Finding the similarities and differences in a text helps us understand it.

Read the passage.



Put a **box** around the words that tell where the tunnels were.

Circle the nouns that tell what Jakob and Tibalt would have seen in the cave.

Highlight the word that tells in which part of the cave the stalactites were.

Above and Below

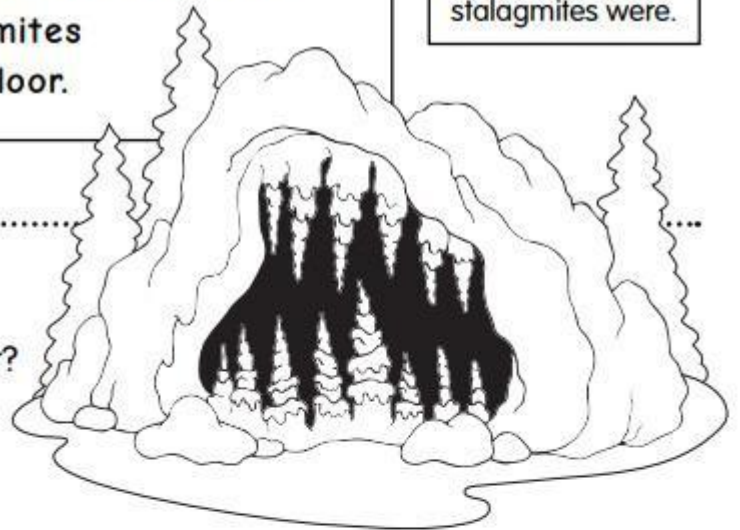
Jakob led Tibalt through the tunnels. There were guards all the way along. There wasn't much need for guards in this peaceful underground city, but they added to Zelig's power.

Jakob and Tibalt arrived at the crystal gardens. The huge cave was filled with beautiful limestone formations. The strange, pale shapes glittered in the light from the firefly lanterns. Long, thin stalactites hung from the roof, and chunky stalagmites rose up from the floor.

Color the adjectives that describe the stalactites.

Color the adjective that describes the stalagmites.

Highlight the word that tells in which part of the cave the stalagmites were.



Circle the correct answers.

- 1 How are stalactites and stalagmites similar?
 - a Both form underwater.
 - b Both form in limestone caves.
 - c Both form on trees.
 - d Both form on forest floors.

Color the correct answer in each of the following pairs.

- 2 Stalactites and stalagmites ...
 - a ☐ are the same shape. ☐ are different shapes.
 - b ☐ grow in different directions. ☐ grow in the same direction.
 - c ☐ grow on the same part of the cave. ☐ grow on different parts of the cave.

Compare and contrast

Read the passage.

Circle the word that shows Jakob's home is underground.

Color what Jakob's family ate for supper.

Underline where Felda lived.

Below world

Jakob walked slowly home. From the tunnel, he could smell supper cooking on the fire. He opened the door to his dark, damp home chamber.

Della, Jakob's mother, was pouring mushroom stew into three bowls. "Supper will be ruined if we don't eat it now."

Above world

Felda lived in a large cottage in a small village. Her father, Baldric, was the village chief.

Jakob and Tibalt sat down with Felda and the villagers. They ate food with the most amazing tastes. Bread was mixed with herbs, and the fruits were sweet and juicy.

Highlight two adjectives that describe Jakob's home.

Put a box around the word that shows the relationship between Jakob and Della.

Circle the word that shows the relationship between Felda and Baldric.



- 3 List at least one similarity between Jakob and Felda's lives.

- 4 How is Felda's home different from Jakob's?

- 5 How is the food in the above world different from the food in the below world?
