Story Trails

Listen to story characters from different cultures and compare their experiences.

1.T.T.1.d "With adult support, compare and contrast characters and their experiences in stories across diverse cultures. (I)"

NAME _____ DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 COMPARE

a

maybe	different	same

b

same	maybe	different

2 MATCH STORIES

Ping	•	• selfish
Momotaro	•	• honest
Anansi	•	• friends

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HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each story pair aloud twice, then give students time to mark an answer. Students compare what characters do or experience in traditional stories from China, Akan culture in Ghana, Japan, and Māori tradition in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 · COMPARE

SAY "Listen to both story details. In each row, I will read the words in the boxes. Think about whether the characters have the same experience or different experiences."

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	In a Chinese tale, Ping brings an empty pot to the emperor because his seed did not grow. In an Akan tale from Ghana, Anansi tries to keep all the wisdom for himself. The words are maybe, different, and same. Do Ping and Anansi make the same kind of choice? Circle your answer.	**different**
b	In a Japanese tale, Momotaro travels with animal friends. In a Māori tale from Aotearoa New Zealand, Māui travels in a canoe with his brothers. The words are same, maybe, and different. Do Momotaro and Māui have companions on their journeys? Circle your answer.	**same**

PART 2 · MATCH STORIES

SAY "Listen to the three story details. Ping brings an empty pot to the emperor. Momotaro travels with animal friends. Anansi tries to keep wisdom for himself. I will read the names and words. Which word matches each character? Draw a line from each name to its matching word."

- **Ping** matches **honest**
- **Momotaro** matches **friends**
- **Anansi** matches **selfish**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Compare: Row 1, different. Row 2, same. Match Ping to honest, Momotaro to friends, and Anansi to selfish. Accept a clearly connected line even if lines cross.