Bridge Match-Up

Notice how comparisons help explain information.

2.T.T.2 "Expository Techniques: Identify and use expository techniques to shape understanding."

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Read the passage. Circle comparison words, such as both, however, and while. Underline details that show how beam bridges and suspension bridges are alike or different.

Bridges Side by Side

1. Bridges help people cross rivers, roads, and valleys. Some bridges are made of wood. Others are made of stone, steel, or concrete. Builders choose materials based on where the bridge will stand and how much weight it must hold.

2. A beam bridge is like a long, flat path held up by supports. It works well over short spaces. A suspension bridge has tall towers and strong cables. Its cables hold the road over longer spaces.

3. Both kinds of bridges carry people and cars. However, they do not look or work the same. Comparing them helps readers see why a beam bridge may fit one place, while a suspension bridge may fit another.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What two kinds of bridges does the author compare?

2. Write one detail that shows how the two kinds of bridges are different.

3. Why does the author compare the two kinds of bridges?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose two ways to travel, such as a bike and a bus. Write three sentences that compare them. Include one way they are alike, one way they are different, and a comparison word such as both, but, or however.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Read the passage. Circle comparison words, such as both, however, and while. Underline details that show how beam bridges and suspension bridges are alike or different. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What two kinds of bridges does the author compare?	**Beam bridges and suspension bridges.**
2	Write one detail that shows how the two kinds of bridges are different.	**A beam bridge is held up by supports, but a suspension bridge has tall towers and cables.**
3	Why does the author compare the two kinds of bridges?	**To help readers see why each kind of bridge may fit a different place.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Both a bike and a bus can take people to school. A bike has two wheels, but a bus has many seats. However, a bus carries more people than a bike.

Accept circled comparison words including like, both, however, and while. For the open response, accept three factual sentences that compare two choices and include an alike detail, a different detail, and a comparison word.