

Story Side by Side

Teacher-led story comparisons with simple same-or-different marks.

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

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

1 CIRCLE IT _____

a	SAME	DIFFERENT	MAYBE
b	MAYBE	SAME	DIFFERENT
c	DIFFERENT	MAYBE	SAME

2 WRITE A LETTER _____

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HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each story pair and the response words aloud. Children compare what happens to characters from West African, Japanese, and Chinese story traditions by marking same or different.

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

PART 1 • CIRCLE IT

SAY “I will tell you what happens to two characters. For each row, listen and circle the word that tells your thinking. The words are SAME, DIFFERENT, and MAYBE.”

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Listen. In one West African Anansi tale, Anansi uses a trick to get food. In the Japanese tale of Momotaro, Momotaro goes on a journey to fight ogres. Is what happens to them SAME, DIFFERENT, or MAYBE? Circle your choice.	DIFFERENT
b	Listen. Momotaro leaves home to help people. In a Chinese legend, Mulan leaves home to protect her father. Is what happens to them SAME, DIFFERENT, or MAYBE? Circle your choice.	SAME
c	Listen. In one Anansi tale, Anansi wants food. Mulan wants to protect her father. Do they want the same thing? Is it SAME, DIFFERENT, or MAYBE? Circle your choice.	DIFFERENT

PART 2 • WRITE A LETTER

SAY “At 1, Anansi uses a trick, and Mulan joins an army to protect her father. Is what they do the same or different? At 2, Momotaro has animal helpers on his journey, and Mulan joins an army. Is what happens the same or different? At 3, Momotaro leaves home to help people, and Mulan leaves home to protect her father. Is what happens the same or different? Write S for same or D for different in each box.”

- Box 1 (beside 1): **D**
- Box 2 (beside 2): **D**
- Box 3 (beside 3): **S**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Circle rows: 1 DIFFERENT, 2 SAME, 3 DIFFERENT. Write boxes: 1 D, 2 D, 3 S. Accept a clearly formed uppercase or lowercase S or D.