The Block Picnic

Compare what families share and how they differ.

2.C.3.10 "Examine cultural traits of families and communities, understanding that while culture makes us unique, all cultures share common features (e.g., language, customs, religious beliefs, economic activities, traditional clothing, shelter)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each language spoken at home, circle each food brought to the picnic, and number the three story animals 1, 2, and 3. Use your marks to find what the families share and how they differ.

Stories at the Picnic

1. On Saturday, three families bring food to a block picnic. Mei's family speaks Mandarin at home and brings rice rolls. Luis's family speaks Spanish at home and brings bean soup. Both families share food with their neighbors.

2. Amina's family speaks Arabic at home. They bring flatbread to share. At the picnic, Amina's dad shows Luis's dad how he folds the bread. Luis's dad shows him how to fill a bowl with soup.

3. After lunch, each family tells a story. Mei's grandma tells a story about a clever rabbit. Luis's uncle tells one about a brave bird. Amina's mom tells one about a lost cat. Neighbors listen closely.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How are Mei's family and Luis's family alike and different in the way they talk at home?

2. How are Amina's family and Luis's family alike and different in the food they bring?

3. What do all three families do after lunch? How is each family's story different?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Think of two families you know or make up. Write two sentences: tell one thing they both do, then tell one way they do it differently. Use an example that is not in the picnic story.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 2 · 2.C.3.10

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each language spoken at home, circle each food brought to the picnic, and number the three story animals 1, 2, and 3. Use your marks to find what the families share and how they differ. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How are Mei's family and Luis's family alike and different in the way they talk at home?	**Both speak a language at home. Mei's family speaks Mandarin, and Luis's family speaks Spanish.**
2	How are Amina's family and Luis's family alike and different in the food they bring?	**Both bring food to share. Amina's family brings flatbread, and Luis's family brings bean soup.**
3	What do all three families do after lunch? How is each family's story different?	**Each family tells a story. Mei's family tells one about a rabbit, Luis's about a bird, and Amina's about a cat.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Both families celebrate a special day each year. One family sings songs at its celebration, and the other family plays games.

Accept answers that name a shared activity and give accurate differences from the passage. For Your Turn, accept any respectful example with a shared activity and a clear difference.