

City Tree Ideas

Compare important points in two short texts.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.2.9 "Compare and contrast the most important points presented by two texts on the same topic."

NAME _____

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Text 1 is paragraphs 1 and 2. Text 2 is paragraph 3. Underline the sentence in each text that best tells its whole main point. Circle one detail in each text that supports that point.

Two Texts About City Trees

- ① Text 1, "Trees Help Cities": City trees help people when they get good care. Trees along streets shade people and cool hot sidewalks. Their leaves also catch some dust from the air.
- ② City trees need care to stay healthy. Workers may water young trees, cover soil with mulch, and trim dead branches. When a tree grows well, it can provide shade and cleaner air for many years.
- ③ Text 2, "Choose the Right Tree": City trees need a place where they can grow well. People who plant trees look at the space. A tall tree may not fit under power lines. Planters choose trees that can handle local weather and have room for roots.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

- 1 What is Text 1 mostly about? Use a detail from the text.

2 How do both texts show that people can help city trees grow well?

3 How are the important points different? Use one detail from each text.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write two sentences comparing the texts. Start the first with Both texts to tell a shared idea. Start the second with Text 1 to tell how its main point differs from Text 2.

Alike and different

Tell one similarity and one difference. You may use but to connect the two different main points.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Text 1 is paragraphs 1 and 2. Text 2 is paragraph 3. Underline the sentence in each text that best tells its whole main point. Circle one detail in each text that supports that point. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is Text 1 mostly about? Use a detail from the text.	City trees help people when they get good care. They give shade; workers may water young trees. Accept a matching benefit or care detail.
2	How do both texts show that people can help city trees grow well?	Text 1 explains caring for trees, such as watering them. Text 2 explains choosing a place with enough room and suitable weather.
3	How are the important points different? Use one detail from each text.	Text 1 tells how trees help people and need care, such as watering. Text 2 tells how to choose a place, such as one with room for roots.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Both texts show that people can help city trees grow well. Text 1 tells about tree benefits and care, but Text 2 tells about choosing a good place.

TEACHER ASSESSMENT NOTES

The opening statement after each text title gives its main point. Accept a relevant circled detail, such as shade or watering in Text 1 and room for roots in Text 2. Check a shared idea and a supported difference in two sentences. Background: EPA, Using Trees and Vegetation to Reduce Heat Islands; Arbor Day Foundation, The Right Tree for the Right Place.