Two Text Detectives

Compare what two short texts share and how they differ.

1.RI.9 "Compare and contrast two texts on similar topics to build knowledge."

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

1 RAIN FACTS

a

clouds	flowers	ponds

b

flowers	clouds	ponds

2 FLOWER VISITORS

BOTH	
A	

ANSWER KEY

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HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Read each pair of texts aloud twice. Students compare the facts, then show what they noticed by circling and writing.

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

PART 1 · RAIN FACTS

SAY "Text A says rain falls from clouds and helps flowers grow. Text B says rain falls from clouds and fills ponds. Listen for what both texts say and what only one text says."

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Which word tells where rain falls from in both texts? Circle it.	**clouds**
b	What does Text B say rain fills that Text A does not name? Circle it.	**ponds**

PART 2 · FLOWER VISITORS

SAY "Text A says a bee visits flowers to get food. Text B says a butterfly visits flowers to get food. In the BOTH box, write what both animals get from flowers; in the A box, write the animal named only in Text A."

- Box 1 (beside BOTH): **food**
- Box 2 (beside A): **bee**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Rain Facts: clouds, then ponds. Flower Visitors: food, then bee. Accept a phonetic spelling if the intended word is clear.