

Save Every Drop

Compare ideas from an article and an interview.

4.7.B “write responses that demonstrate understanding of texts, including comparing and contrasting ideas across a variety of sources;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one action suggested by each source. Write A beside the article action and I beside the interview action, then circle words that show how the sources have different focuses.

Two Sources, One Resource

- ① During a class project, Maya read two sources about saving water at home. The first source was an article from the city water department. The second was an interview with Mr. Chen, who repairs plumbing. Both sources explained that small daily choices can protect water supplies. However, each source focused on different actions and gave different reasons for taking care of water.
- ② The article tells readers to turn off the faucet while brushing their teeth. It says this habit can save several gallons of water each day. The article also suggests running the dishwasher only when it is full. Its main idea is that families can lower the amount of water they use by changing everyday routines at home over time.
- ③ Mr. Chen agrees that people should avoid wasting water, but he focuses on leaks. In the interview, he explains that a dripping faucet may waste water even when no one is using it. He advises families to tell an adult about leaks quickly. Unlike the article, the interview highlights fixing problems in the home instead of changing a regular habit.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What idea do both the article and the interview share?

2 How does the action suggested in the article differ from the action suggested in the interview?

3 What is the main focus of the article, and what is the main focus of the interview?

4 Which source explains a water problem that can happen when no one is using water? What detail supports your answer?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write exactly three sentences comparing the two sources. Include one similarity, one difference, and your opinion about which source gives the most helpful advice for a family.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline one action suggested by each source. Write A beside the article action and I beside the interview action, then circle words that show how the sources have different focuses. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What idea do both the article and the interview share?	Both sources say that families should avoid wasting water at home.
2	How does the action suggested in the article differ from the action suggested in the interview?	The article suggests changing daily routines, such as turning off the faucet or running a full dishwasher. The interview suggests telling an adult about leaks quickly.
3	What is the main focus of the article, and what is the main focus of the interview?	The article focuses on using less water through everyday habits. The interview focuses on finding and fixing leaks.
4	Which source explains a water problem that can happen when no one is using water? What detail supports your answer?	The interview does. It says that a dripping faucet may waste water even when no one is using it.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Both sources ask families to stop wasting water at home. The article focuses on routines, such as turning off the faucet, while Mr. Chen focuses on finding leaks. Mr. Chen's advice may help a family because a leak can waste water when nobody notices it.

Accept equivalent comparisons supported by details from both sources. For Part 3, check for exactly three sentences that include a similarity, a difference, and a supported opinion.