

Two Places, Compared

Compare physical environments and how people respond to them.

3.3.A “describe similarities and differences in the physical environment, including climate, landforms, natural resources, and natural hazards;”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline details about Riverbend, circle details about Coastview, and put a star beside details that show a similarity between the two places.

Riverbend and Coastview

- ① Riverbend and Coastview are two communities in the same state, but their physical environments are not alike. Riverbend sits beside a wide river in a valley between low hills. Coastview lies on a flat plain next to the ocean. Both places have soil where people grow crops, and both have trees that provide wood for homes.
- ② Riverbend has warm summers and cold, snowy winters. Spring rain can make the river rise and flood low land. Coastview has milder winters because the ocean changes temperature slowly. It can be hit by hurricanes, which bring strong winds, heavy rain, and flooding. People in Coastview use fish from the ocean as a natural resource for food and jobs.
- ③ People in both communities plan for hazards. Riverbend residents watch river forecasts and move away from low land when floods are likely. Coastview residents listen for hurricane warnings and may leave before a storm arrives. Each place has water, soil, and plants, but its landforms, climate, and most serious hazard are different. These differences affect how people live.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How are the landforms of Riverbend and Coastview different?

2 Name one natural resource that both communities have.

3 What is one difference between the climates of Riverbend and Coastview?

4 Compare a natural hazard in each community and tell how people prepare for it.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Make up two towns called Hilltown and Laketown. Write exactly four sentences that compare their climate, landforms, natural resources, and natural hazards. Include at least one similarity and at least two differences.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline details about Riverbend, circle details about Coastview, and put a star beside details that show a similarity between the two places. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How are the landforms of Riverbend and Coastview different?	Riverbend is in a valley between low hills beside a river. Coastview is on a flat plain next to the ocean.
2	Name one natural resource that both communities have.	Both have soil for growing crops. Both also have trees that provide wood.
3	What is one difference between the climates of Riverbend and Coastview?	Riverbend has cold, snowy winters, while Coastview has milder winters.
4	Compare a natural hazard in each community and tell how people prepare for it.	Riverbend can flood when the river rises, so residents watch forecasts and move from low land. Coastview can have hurricanes, so residents listen for warnings and may leave before a storm.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Hilltown and Laketown both have forests that provide wood. Hilltown has cool weather and steep hills, while Laketown has warmer weather and a flat shore. Hilltown can have landslides after heavy rain, but Laketown can flood when the lake rises. People in both towns use water, but Hilltown gets water from streams and Laketown gets water from the lake.

Accept equivalent comparisons that accurately use details from the passage. For Your Turn, accept reasonable invented details when all four physical-environment topics are included, along with one similarity and two differences.