

Town Places Compare

Find how community places are alike and different.

S.2.e "identifying similarities and differences to clarify and explain content;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one detail that shows how the library and fire station are alike. Circle two details that show how they are different, so you can explain each place's job.

Two Helpful Places

- ① On Saturday, Maya visited two community places during an open house. First, she went to the town library. Later, she visited the fire station. Both places are public buildings that help people in the community.
- ② At the library, Maya saw shelves of books, computers, and a story area. People can borrow books there. At the fire station, she saw fire trucks and safety gear. Firefighters work there and respond to emergencies.
- ③ Library workers and firefighters both serve the town. Each place has workers, rooms, and tools for its job. However, library workers help people find information, while firefighters protect people and property during fires and other emergencies.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What is one way the library and fire station are alike?

2 What is one way the library and fire station are different?

3 How does comparing the two places explain why the town needs both?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Choose two other places in a community. Write two sentences that name both places, tell one way they are alike, and tell one way they are different.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline one detail that shows how the library and fire station are alike. Circle two details that show how they are different, so you can explain each place's job. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is one way the library and fire station are alike?	Both are public buildings that help people in the community. They both have workers, rooms, and tools for their jobs.
2	What is one way the library and fire station are different?	People borrow books and find information at the library. Firefighters work at the fire station and respond to emergencies.
3	How does comparing the two places explain why the town needs both?	The town needs the library for books and information, and it needs the fire station for protection during emergencies.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A park and a post office are both places in a community. People visit a park for recreation, but they visit a post office to mail letters and packages.

Accept any passage-based similarity or difference in the questions. For the open response, accept two clearly named community places with one accurate similarity and one accurate difference.