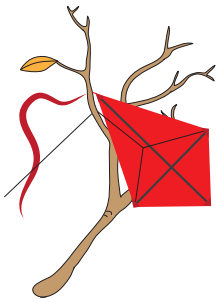


**Answer Key**

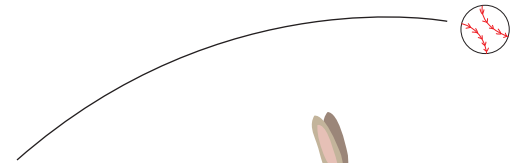
# Compare and Contrast: Short Stories

Read the two stories and complete the chart.

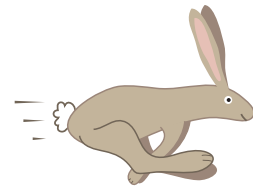
## Story #1: Alisha's Kite



James and Alisha were running through the park with their kites flying behind them in the wind. The wind changed suddenly and Alisha's kite flew into the branches of a tree. No matter how hard Alisha pulled the kite string, it would not budge. "Give me a boost," Alisha said to James, and he held his hands for her to use as a step. With his help, she climbed up to to the first branch and pulled the kite down!



## Story #2: Max Gets Lost



Kylie was at the park with her dog, Max. She threw a ball for him to fetch, when suddenly a rabbit ran by. Max chased after the rabbit, and when it ran into some bushes, Max followed. Kylie called after Max, but he didn't return. She looked through the bushes and couldn't see him or the rabbit anywhere! After looking all over, she heard laughter and shouting from a baseball field where she could see a large black dog chasing after a baseball in the middle of the game. It was Max!

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# Compare and Contrast: Short Stories

Answers May Vary

	Alisha's Kite	Both	Max Gets Lost
<p><b>Characters</b></p> <p>How are the characters alike? How are they different?</p>	<p>Both characters are people.</p> <p>There are no other people mentioned.</p>	<p>All characters enjoy playing in the park.</p>	<p>The characters are Kylie and her dog, Max.</p> <p>There are other people in the park.</p>
<p><b>Problem</b></p> <p>What is the problem?</p>	<p>The wind made Alisha's kite become stuck in a tree.</p>	<p>Both stories have a missing or unusable item: a kite and a dog.</p>	<p>Max chased a rabbit into some bushes and got lost.</p>
<p><b>Solution</b></p> <p>How is the problem solved?</p>	<p>Alisha asks for James to give her a boost so she can climb up the tree and grab her kite.</p>	<p>Both Alisha and Kylie work hard to solve their problem.</p>	<p>Kylie looked all over for Max. She found him in the baseball field when she heard laughter.</p>
<p><b>Theme</b></p> <p>What is the main topic?</p>	<p>Alisha's kite becomes stuck in a tree, so she and her friend James must get it down.</p>	<p>Both stories are about playing and problem-solving in a park.</p>	<p>Kylie tries to find her lost dog at the park.</p>