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Answers may vary and can include actual quotes or student paraphrasing.

## Comparing Characters: Haunted Hotel

Directions: Read the text below and think about Alex's and Sara's character traits.

**My friends and I were all a little afraid of the hotel on the corner.** It's painted grey with plants almost as tall as the hotel. The grass is so tall we could not see the stairs. No one's stayed there for years—at least that's what I think. Some of the older kids say a monster lives in the attic. Other people say it's a ghost with a scary presence. Like they know it's there, even if they can't see it. The scary presence is why no travelers would pay to stay a night at the hotel.

One day, **Sara and I were playing hockey in the street.** Sara hit the puck, and off it went across the street.

**"Oh no!"** I thought. The puck was heading towards the scary hotel. **Sara just stared at the hotel, her features frozen and her mouth open.** **"Well,"** I gulped, **"Let's go get it."**

**We hopped the fence into the yard.** I stayed near the fence, afraid to get too close to the house. I had a recent cut reopen, and a little blood started to ooze out.

**"Alex, we're never going to find it,"** said Sara.

**"It was my last puck! We have to get it, but I don't claim it will be easy,"** I said. I knew the puck could be anywhere in the yard. **We searched and searched the grass,** but we couldn't find it. I was tired of looking for it, but **I would go home exhausted if I had to.** I was determined to make sure a silly claim about a dark presence in the hotel wouldn't scare me away.

**"There it is,"** Sara yelled. She pointed right to the hotel lobby. It was at the entrance of the hotel. However, **I didn't want to go get it.**

*How does the story end?*

Directions: Reread the text above and complete the Venn diagram.

→ What do they say and do that are similar?

→ What do they say and do that are different?

