

## READING COMPREHENSION

# Comparing Characters From Two Fictional Texts



When you compare two fiction texts, pay attention to the CHARACTERS' THOUGHTS, FEELINGS, and ACTIONS. How are the characters similar? What is different about the characters?

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the texts below and answer the questions on page 2.



## Text 1

Rashad and his mother had planted a garden in their backyard. Rashad was so excited to go to the store to pick out seeds. He had carefully planted the seeds and hoped they would grow quickly. His mom reminded him everyday to go outside to water the plants. Rashad watered the plants each day. After a week, though, his mom decided that it was Rashad's responsibility. She stopped reminding him.

Weeks passed and it didn't rain. Rashad did not remember to go out and water his plants. He hoped it would rain so that he wouldn't have to water. Rashad didn't take care of his garden. The plants did not grow.

One day after school, he went into the backyard and saw the garden. He was disappointed because he did not see healthy, growing plants.

## Text 2



Science class was a hard class for Aleksandra. She didn't understand the lessons in class. The work was hard for her. The homework was confusing, too. The teacher put the students into groups of four. They would work as a team to come up with a project for the Houston Elementary Science Fair. Each person in the group would be responsible for a specific part of the research. Then they would put the pieces together. The groups would present their projects on the day of the Science Fair.

Aleksandra was nervous about doing a good job for her group. She wanted them to be pleased with her work. Aleksandra couldn't seem to come up with any good ideas for her part, though.

Instead of asking for help from the other group members, Aleksandra sat in silence. She did not tell them she hadn't done her part. The day before the Science Fair, the other students asked for her work. She admitted to them that she did not have anything to share. By looking at their faces, she could tell they were disappointed in her.

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