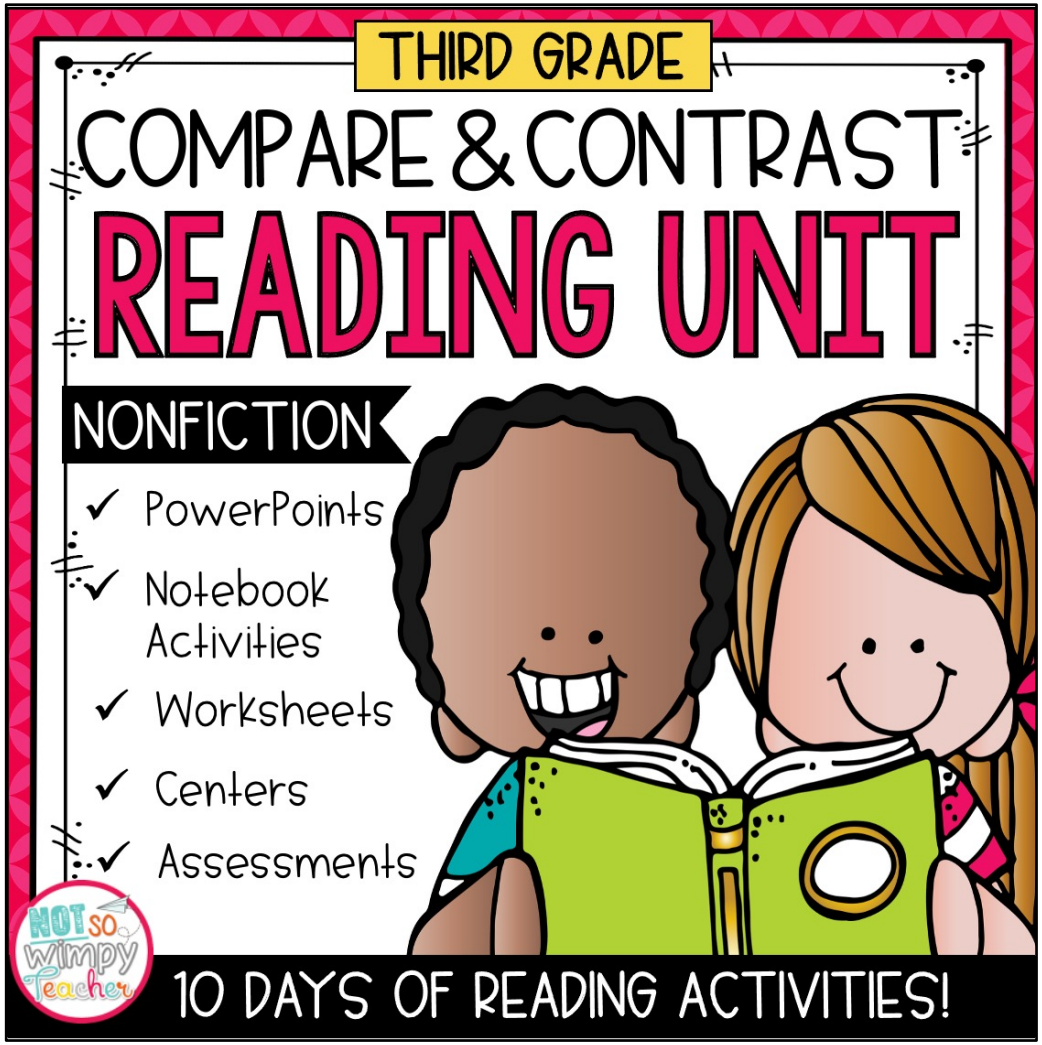
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Not So Wimpy Teacher reading units focus on one reading skill at a time. These two-week units give students time to practice and master each individual skill!

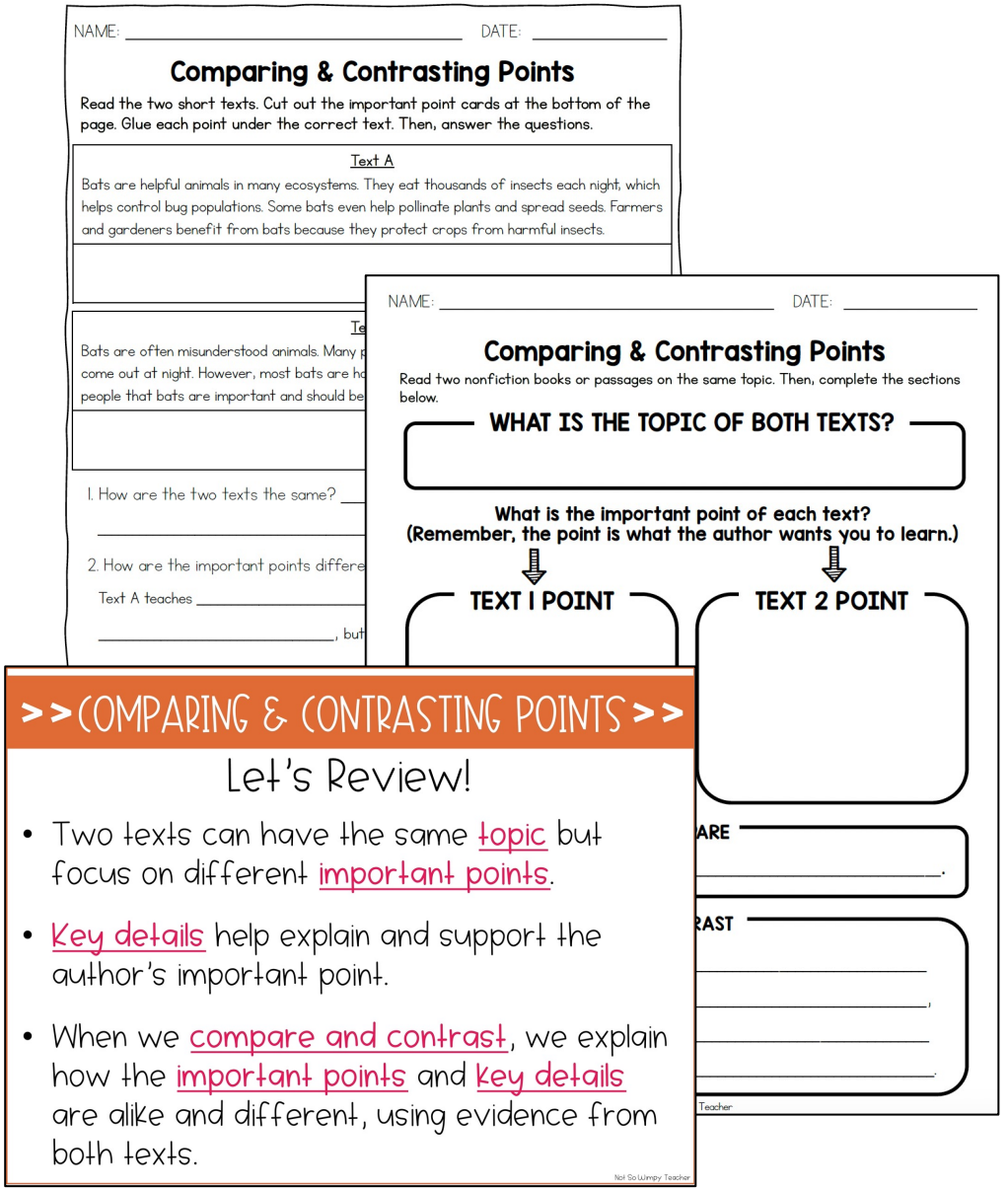
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What's Included

THIS RESOURCE INCLUDES:

- ✓ 2 instructional PowerPoints
- ✓ 2 interactive notebook activities
- ✓ 5 reading centers
- ✓ 4 worksheet activities
- ✓ Mid-unit checkpoint assessment
- ✓ End-of-unit assessment
- ✓ Multiple original passages



10 Days of Activities

This unit includes two instructional PowerPoints that explicitly teach the reading skill.

Students will practice the skill using interactive notebook activities, worksheets, original passages, reading centers, and other activities.

Directions

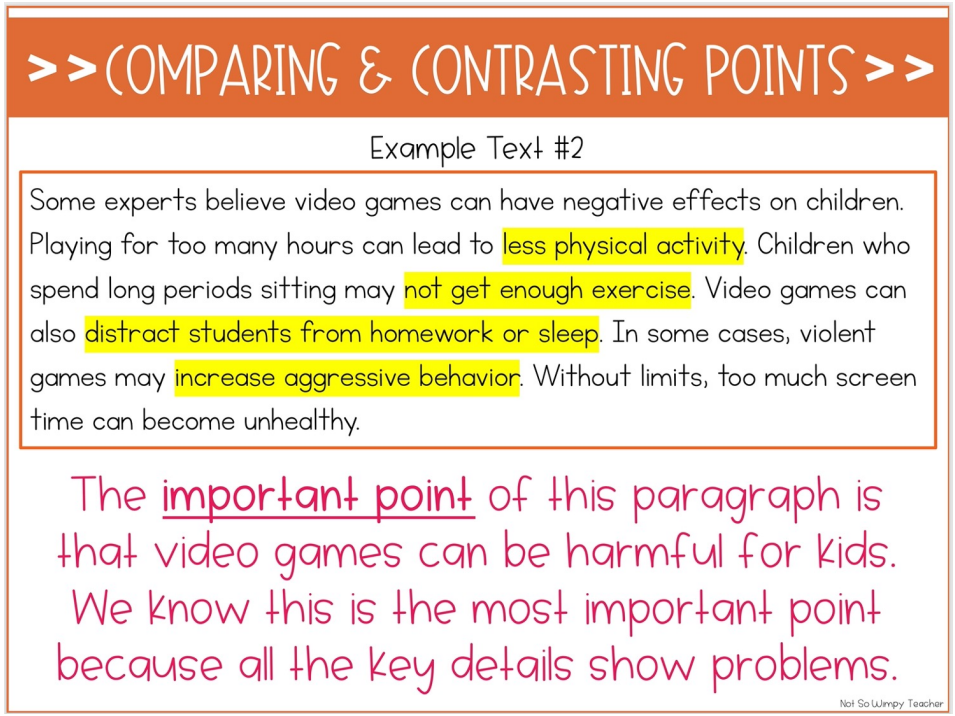
This reading unit is intended to be used over a **two-week time frame**, but this can easily be adjusted to meet your needs.

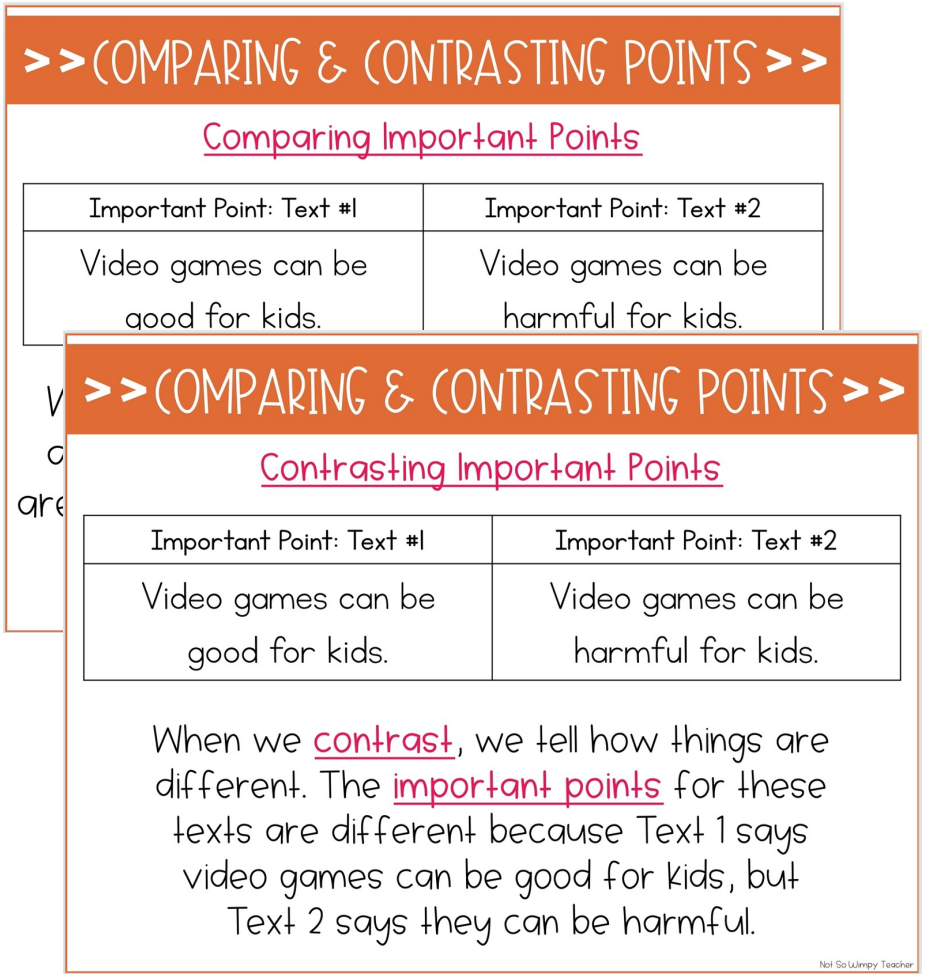
This unit does not correlate with one particular reading curriculum, but it has been designed to supplement any materials or routines that you already have in place!

Here is how I recommend using the materials in this resource. A more detailed explanation of the materials is included on the following pages.

DAY	LESSON MATERIAL	LESSON OBJECTIVE
Day 1	PowerPoint mini lesson	Introduce the skill using the PowerPoint lesson.
Day 2	Interactive notebook activity	Review the skill using an interactive notebook activity.
Day 3	Worksheet	Practice the weekly skill.
Day 4	Worksheet	Practice the weekly skill by applying it to a book/story of your choosing.
Day 5	Reading passage w/questions	Mid-unit checkpoint! You may choose to take a grade on this assignment.
Day 6	PowerPoint mini lesson	Dive deeper into applying the skill using this PowerPoint mini lesson.
Day 7	Interactive notebook activity	Apply the skill using an interactive notebook activity.
Day 8	Worksheet	Practice the weekly skill.
Day 9	Trifold activity sheet	Review the weekly skill using this trifold activity sheet.
Day 10	Assessment	Assess the weekly skill.
Small Group	Reading Centers	Complete independently during small-group time throughout the unit.

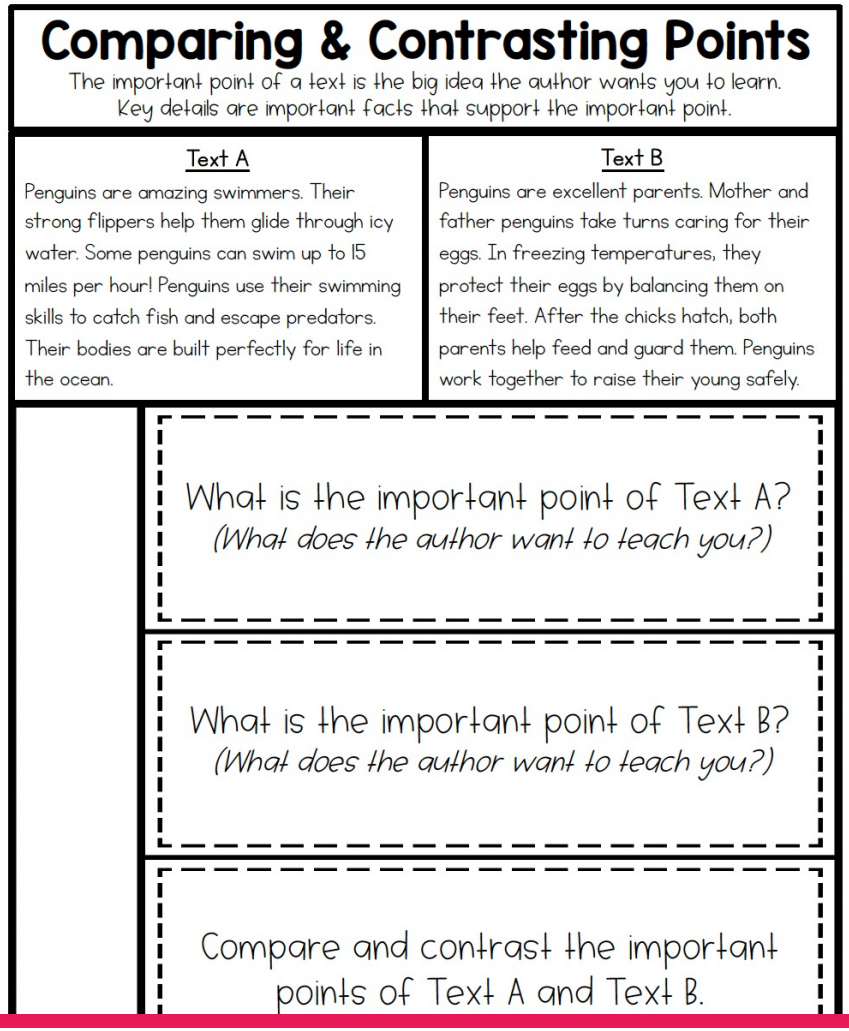
PowerPoint Lessons





The first PPT lesson introduces the skill. The second PPT lesson reviews the skill and focuses on deeper application.

Interactive Notebooks



Comparing & Contrasting Points

The important point of a text is the big idea the author wants you to learn. Key details are important facts that support the important point.

Text A

Penguins are amazing swimmers. Their strong flippers help them glide through icy water. Some penguins can swim up to 15 miles per hour! Penguins use their swimming skills to catch fish and escape predators. Their bodies are built perfectly for life in the ocean.

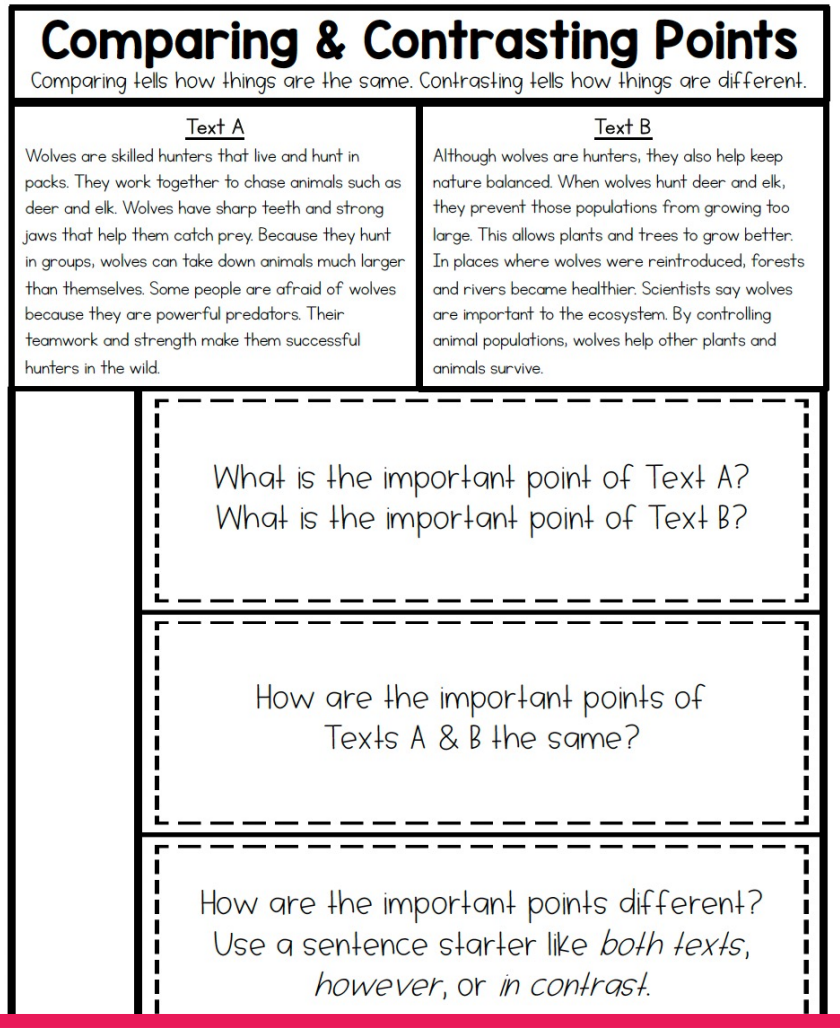
Text B

Penguins are excellent parents. Mother and father penguins take turns caring for their eggs. In freezing temperatures, they protect their eggs by balancing them on their feet. After the chicks hatch, both parents help feed and guard them. Penguins work together to raise their young safely.

What is the important point of Text A?
(What does the author want to teach you?)

What is the important point of Text B?
(What does the author want to teach you?)

Compare and contrast the important points of Text A and Text B.



Comparing & Contrasting Points

Comparing tells how things are the same. Contrasting tells how things are different.

Text A

Wolves are skilled hunters that live and hunt in packs. They work together to chase animals such as deer and elk. Wolves have sharp teeth and strong jaws that help them catch prey. Because they hunt in groups, wolves can take down animals much larger than themselves. Some people are afraid of wolves because they are powerful predators. Their teamwork and strength make them successful hunters in the wild.

Text B

Although wolves are hunters, they also help keep nature balanced. When wolves hunt deer and elk, they prevent those populations from growing too large. This allows plants and trees to grow better. In places where wolves were reintroduced, forests and rivers became healthier. Scientists say wolves are important to the ecosystem. By controlling animal populations, wolves help other plants and animals survive.

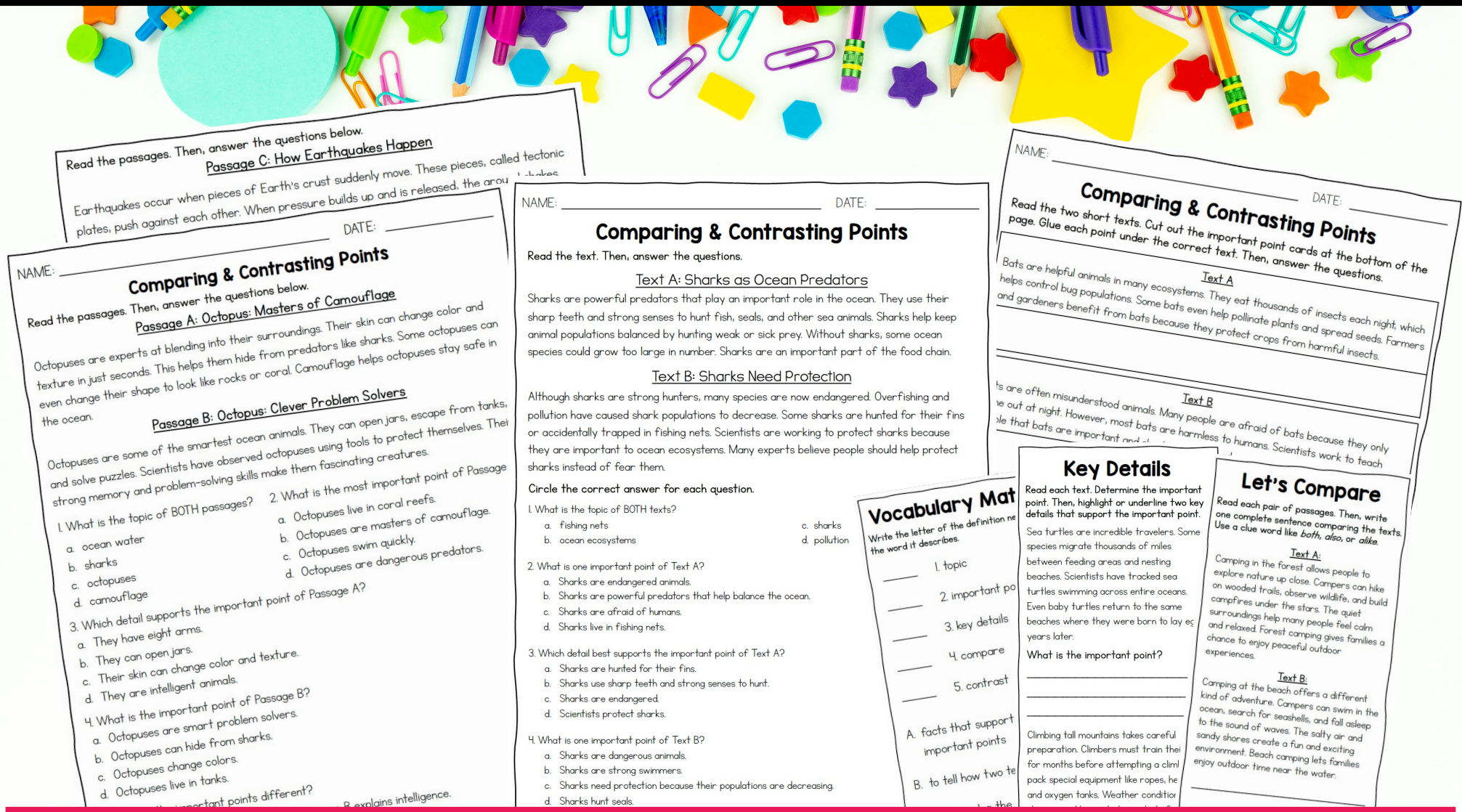
What is the important point of Text A?
What is the important point of Text B?

How are the important points of Texts A & B the same?

How are the important points different?
Use a sentence starter like *both texts*, *however*, or *in contrast*.

The first interactive notebook activity will review the skill introduced in the first PPT lesson. The second notebook activity asks students to use the skill to demonstrate understanding.

Practice Sheets



Read the passages. Then, answer the questions below.

Passage C: How Earthquakes Happen

Earthquakes occur when pieces of Earth's crust suddenly move. These pieces, called tectonic plates, push against each other. When pressure builds up and is released, the grou

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Comparing & Contrasting Points

Read the passages. Then, answer the questions below.

Passage A: Octopus: Masters of Camouflage

Octopuses are experts at blending into their surroundings. Their skin can change color and texture in just seconds. This helps them hide from predators like sharks. Some octopuses can even change their shape to look like rocks or coral. Camouflage helps octopuses stay safe in the ocean.

Passage B: Octopus: Clever Problem Solvers

Octopuses are some of the smartest ocean animals. They can open jars, escape from tanks, and solve puzzles. Scientists have observed octopuses using tools to protect themselves. Their strong memory and problem-solving skills make them fascinating creatures.

1. What is the topic of BOTH passages?
   a. ocean water
   b. sharks
   c. octopuses
   d. camouflage

2. What is the most important point of Passage A?
   a. Octopuses live in coral reefs.
   b. Octopuses are masters of camouflage.
   c. Octopuses swim quickly.
   d. Octopuses are dangerous predators.

3. Which detail supports the important point of Passage A?
   a. They have eight arms.
   b. They can open jars.
   c. Their skin can change color and texture.
   d. They are intelligent animals.

4. What is the important point of Passage B?
   a. Octopuses are smart problem solvers.
   b. Octopuses can hide from sharks.
   c. Octopuses change colors.
   d. Octopuses live in tanks.

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Comparing & Contrasting Points

Read the text. Then, answer the questions.

Text A: Sharks as Ocean Predators

Sharks are powerful predators that play an important role in the ocean. They use their sharp teeth and strong senses to hunt fish, seals, and other sea animals. Sharks help keep animal populations balanced by hunting weak or sick prey. Without sharks, some ocean species could grow too large in number. Sharks are an important part of the food chain.

Text B: Sharks Need Protection

Although sharks are strong hunters, many species are now endangered. Overfishing and pollution have caused shark populations to decrease. Some sharks are hunted for their fins or accidentally trapped in fishing nets. Scientists are working to protect sharks because they are important to ocean ecosystems. Many experts believe people should help protect sharks instead of fear them.

Circle the correct answer for each question.

1. What is the topic of BOTH texts?
   a. fishing nets
   b. ocean ecosystems
   c. sharks
   d. pollution

2. What is one important point of Text A?
   a. Sharks are endangered animals.
   b. Sharks are powerful predators that help balance the ocean.
   c. Sharks are afraid of humans.
   d. Sharks live in fishing nets.

3. Which detail best supports the important point of Text A?
   a. Sharks are hunted for their fins.
   b. Sharks use sharp teeth and strong senses to hunt.
   c. Sharks are endangered.
   d. Scientists protect sharks.

4. What is one important point of Text B?
   a. Sharks are dangerous animals.
   b. Sharks are strong swimmers.
   c. Sharks need protection because their populations are decreasing.
   d. Sharks hunt seals.

Vocabulary Mat

Write the letter of the definition ne... the word it describes.

_____ 1. topic
_____ 2. important po...
_____ 3. key details
_____ 4. compare
_____ 5. contrast

A. facts that support important points
B. to tell how two te...

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Comparing & Contrasting Points

Read the two short texts. Cut out the important point cards at the bottom of the page. Glue each point under the correct text. Then, answer the questions.

Text A

Bats are helpful animals in many ecosystems. They eat thousands of insects each night, which helps control bug populations. Some bats even help pollinate plants and spread seeds. Farmers and gardeners benefit from bats because they protect crops from harmful insects.

Text B

...ts are often misunderstood animals. Many people are afraid of bats because they only ...e out at night. However, most bats are harmless to humans. Scientists work to teach ...ple that bats are important and ...

Key Details

Read each text. Determine the important point. Then, highlight or underline two key details that support the important point.

Sea turtles are incredible travelers. Some species migrate thousands of miles between feeding areas and nesting beaches. Scientists have tracked sea turtles swimming across entire oceans. Even baby turtles return to the same beaches where they were born to lay eg... years later.

What is the important point?

_____
_____
_____

Climbing tall mountains takes careful preparation. Climbers must train thei... for months before attempting a climl... pack special equipment like ropes, he... and oxygen tanks. Weather conditio...

Let's Compare

Read each pair of passages. Then, write one complete sentence comparing the texts. Use a clue word like *both, also,* or *alike.*

Text A:

Camping in the forest allows people to explore nature up close. Campers can hike on wooded trails, observe wildlife, and build campfires under the stars. The quiet surroundings help many people feel calm and relaxed. Forest camping gives families a chance to enjoy peaceful outdoor experiences.

Text B:

Camping at the beach offers a different kind of adventure. Campers can swim in the ocean, search for seashells, and fall asleep to the sound of waves. The salty air and sandy shores create a fun and exciting environment. Beach camping lets families enjoy outdoor time near the water.

Students have multiple opportunities to practice the skill using the included original passages and on a text of your choosing.