

**Reading Comprehension: Compare (tell similarities) and Contrast (tell differences)**  
**Keeping in Touch**

Greeting Cards

Do you ever miss the days when you looked forward to going to the mailbox to see what is there waiting for you? Some days, I do. The excitement of opening the mailbox and having a letter addressed to you from a friend or grandparent is an experience that many kids today have never had. Although many people don't still mail greeting cards, my grandmother still sends them and not only for birthdays and holidays. And if the truth be told, I enjoy getting them. Anytime I get a card from her, I know that she has been thinking about me. But that's not the only reason I like receiving them. Greeting cards can be quite funny and entertaining too. I like to hang them on my bulletin board and enjoy them for many days to come. I save every card that my grandmother gives me so that I will have something to remember her by when she is gone. I look forward to getting her cards in the mail, and I bet other kids would like receiving them too.

Emails and Electronic Cards

Many people today prefer to communicate through email and send their greeting cards electronically. Additionally, many people prefer to receive their communication from others via the computer in order to save the paper as well as the fuel needed to deliver the mail. Although some say that emails and electronic greeting cards aren't as personal, I don't agree. I love to open my inbox and see that a friend has been thinking of me and has taken the time to write an email or pick out and send an electronic card. I love the way that many of the cards entertain you with dancing dogs or firework displays, and I especially like the ones that are interactive. In addition, emails and electronic cards are much easier for me to respond to since I can do it without ever leaving my house.

1. Based on the two paragraphs, how are paper greeting cards and electronic cards alike?

- a. Both types of cards are free to send.
- b. Both types of cards let you know the other person is thinking about you.
- c. Both types of cards can be displayed on your bulletin board.
- d. Both types of cards come in beautiful envelopes.

2. Based on the two paragraphs, how are paper greeting cards and electronic card different?

- a. Paper greeting cards sent through the mail are more meaningful then electronic cards.
- b. You can save electronic greeting cards but you can't save paper greeting cards.
- c. It is more exciting to get a card over the computer than it is to get one in your mailbox.
- d. Electronic cards save paper and fuel since they are sent electronically.

3. Which kind of greeting card do you prefer? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Why do some consider emails and electronic cards more eco-friendly? \_\_\_\_\_

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