

Reading Comprehension: Compare (tell similarities) and Contrast (tell differences)

Two Great Teachers

Mrs. Weathers

Mrs. Weathers is one of the most loved teachers at our school. She has been a math teacher for over 25 years, and she still loves what she does. Many of the students think she is too strict and don't like the fact that she doesn't include technology or cooperative learning in her instruction. However, many parents prefer her to be their child's teacher because she makes sure that they know their multiplication facts and can do long division before they leave her class. She is a kind and caring teacher who enjoys seeing her students learn. She helps her students any way that she can to ensure that they leave her class with a clear understanding of the math skills that she teaches.

Mrs. Henry

Mrs. Henry is a new math teacher at our school. This is only her second year to teach math since graduating college. She loves teaching math and enjoys watching her students learn. She wants her students to understand the real world application of math; therefore, she has her students participate in many hands-on projects in her classroom. She also likes to include technology whenever she can. When teaching area and perimeter, she has her students design a room on the computer and then determine the area and perimeter of the room in order to determine the amount of carpet and baseboards that would need to be purchased for their room. Students enjoy her class, and most parents like the way that she helps their child love to learn.

1. Based on the two paragraphs, how are Mrs. Weathers and Mrs. Henry alike?
 - a. They both like to incorporate technology into their instruction.
 - b. They both still enjoy teaching after more than 25 years.
 - c. They are both thought of as strict by the students.
 - d. They both enjoy teaching math and enjoy watching their students learn.

2. Based on the two paragraphs, how are Mrs. Weathers and Mrs. Henry different?
 - a. Mrs. Weathers uses technology to teach math, but Mrs. Henry does not.
 - b. Mrs. Henry has been teaching for many years, but Mrs. Weathers is a new teacher.
 - c. Mrs. Henry uses technology and cooperative learning in her classroom, unlike Mrs. Weathers.
 - d. Mrs. Weathers provides real world learning experiences, unlike Mrs. Henry.

3. According to the second paragraph, what example is given to show how Mrs. Henry uses real-world situations to help students understand math.

4. Which teacher would you prefer? Explain why. _____
