Your child can compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., how characters interact).

- Draw on specific details given in the text.
- Compare and contrast characters based on their thoughts, words, actions, decisions, physical attributes, and interactions with others.
- Compare and contrast settings based on the time and place.
- Compare and contrast events based on the characters, action, or impact on other events in a story.

**HELP AT HOME**

- When visiting a new or unfamiliar place, ask your child questions such as: “How is (new place) similar to or different from our home?” Have the child explain his thoughts, using specific things he sees, hears, smells, or touches.

**BASIC STORY ELEMENTS**

Basic story elements include:

- **CHARACTERS**: persons (or even animals) who take part in the action of a short story.
- **SETTING**: the time and place in which a story happens.
- **PLOT**: the series of events that happen in the story.
- **CONFLICT**: the struggle between two people or things; the main character is usually involved in one side of the conflict.
- **THEME**: the central idea or belief in a story.