

## Unit 4 • Comparing & Contrasting

1. People sometimes refer to toads as frogs. Both toads and frogs are amphibians, but toads have dry, bumpy skin whereas the skin of frogs is damp and smooth. Frogs, by contrast, are better jumpers than toads, which tend to walk or hop. Both animals lay their eggs in wet places.

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2. Ice cream and sherbet are cold, sweet treats. Ice cream is the creamier of the two. It is made with milk or cream, a sweetener, and any number of flavorings including vanilla, chocolate, or fruit. In contrast, sherbet is flavored with mainly fruit juice and sweetener. It is made with a small amount of milk and is usually less fattening.

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3. Leo and Ruby are Irish terriers that at first glance appear to have much in common. Both dogs have wiry, rust-colored coats and boundless energy. However, Leo's calm manner contrasts with Ruby's stubbornness and determination. The smaller Ruby likes to boss Leo.

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4. Scott's comparison of the Atlantic Ocean and Lake Michigan surprised us. He said that both the freshwater lake and the saltwater ocean have large waves, gulls, and sandy beaches complete with lighthouses. The Atlantic is much bigger, but the horizon viewed from the shore of either body of water appears endless.

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5. The grizzly bear is big, but its relative the Kodiak bear is even larger. Grizzlies and Kodiaks belong to the brown bear family and live in North America. Grizzlies live inland, whereas Kodiaks live on only three islands in Alaska. Kodiaks are solid brown in color, but grizzlies may have gray mixed with brown.

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1. What are two ways that toads are different from frogs?  
(A) Toads eat plants and do not need water to survive.  
(B) Toads do not jump as high, and they have dry skin.  
(C) Toads are reptiles that lay eggs.
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2. How are ice cream and sherbet similar?  
(A) Both contain milk and sweetener.  
(B) Both have a rich, creamy texture.  
(C) Both must always contain fruit juice.
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3. Which dog has the more peaceful temperament?  
(A) Leo  
(B) Ruby  
(C) Neither dog
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4. Which did Scott find in his comparison between the ocean and the lake?  
(A) He found more differences.  
(B) He found more similarities.  
(C) The differences and similarities were equal.
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5. What are a similarity *and* a difference between the Kodiak bear and the grizzly bear?  
(A) Kodiaks and grizzlies are brown bears that live in Alaska.  
(B) Grizzlies are smaller and live inland.  
(C) Both bears are members of the brown bear family, but Kodiaks are larger.