



## SAMPLE MATERIAL

### Bat-Bird Compare and Contrast Graphic Organizer

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**Topic:** Improving K-3 Reading Comprehension

**Practice:** Focus on Text Structure

Primary-grade comprehension instruction commonly includes compare and contrast graphic organizer charts. Nakia McNair, third-grade teacher at Lake Forest North Elementary School, used this graphic organizer during a lesson on text structure. Students were asked to compare pictures of a bat and a bird using the chart, which includes sections for recording similarities and differences, comparisons of clue words, and written statements about how two items are alike and different. Two examples of completed student work are included, along with a blank chart teachers can use or adapt for their own lesson planning.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: Compare and Contrast a bat and a bird, using the two pictures. Write how they are alike and different using the graphic organizer below. Then complete the sentences below using your graphic organizer.

Compare and Contrast Chart Graphic Organizer

Item #1 <u>Bat</u>	Item #2 <u>Bird</u>
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How are they alike?

Bats and birds are alike  
because they can both  
fly.

How are they different?

Bats

Bats can  
see in the  
dark. Bats  
hang upside  
down.

Birds

Birds will  
run into  
a tree if  
they fly in  
the dark.

Compare Clue Words

like

Contrast Clue words

different

A bat is like a bird because  
they can both fly and they both have  
wings.

A bat and a bird are different because  
a bat can see in the dark and sleeps  
upside down. A bird would run into a tree  
and they sleep in a nest.

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How are they alike?	
<u>They both live and sleep outside.</u> <u>They both have wings.</u>	
How are they different?	
<u>Birds sleep in a nest.</u> <u>birds eat bugs.</u> <u>birds can not see in the dark.</u>	<u>bats sleep upside down.</u> <u>bats eat fruit.</u> <u>bats can see in the dark.</u>
Compare Clue Words <u>both</u>	Contrast Clue words <u>different</u>

A bat is like a bird because they both live and sleep outside. They both have wings.

A bat and a bird are different because bats sleep upside down and birds sleep in a nest.

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How are they different?

Compare Clue Words	Contrast Clue words
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A \_\_\_\_\_ is like a \_\_\_\_\_ because

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A \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ are different because

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