

# Compare and Contrast

- **Compare** by telling how two or more things are alike or different.
- **Contrast** by telling only how two or more things are different.

**Directions** Read the following passage.

Some people say cats make the best pets. Others say dogs do. We have one of each, and I love them both. They are both very sweet. They both sit on our laps. Our dog Maggie loves to play fetch, but our cat Smokey just sits and watches as if she thinks Maggie is silly.

Both dogs and cats need lots of care, but dogs need more. Both animals need to be brushed and to visit the vet. Cats keep themselves clean, but dogs need regular baths. Cats are easier in one other big way. They use their litter box on their own. Dogs have to go outside, even in the middle of the night.

**Directions:** Fill in the chart with ideas from the story. Circle the ways the two pets are alike.

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<b>Cat</b>	<b>Dog</b>
<p><u>very sweet</u></p> <p>1. _____</p> <p>sits and watches games</p> <p>needs to be brushed</p> <p>3. _____</p> <p>keeps itself clean</p> <p>5. _____</p>	<p><u>very sweet</u></p> <p>will sit on your lap</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>needs to be brushed</p> <p>needs to visit the vet</p> <p>4. _____</p> <p>must go outside</p>

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**Home Activity** Your child compared and contrasted two kinds of pets. Talk with your child about other kinds of pets. Ask your child to compare and contrast them by discussing ways these pets are alike and ways they are different.