

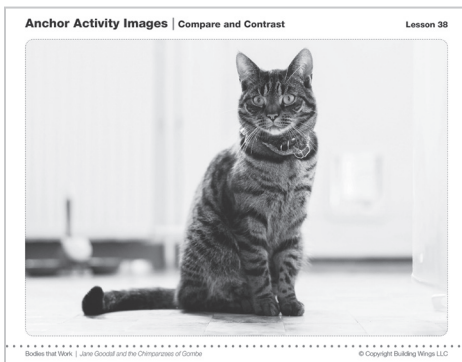
CLOSE READING LESSON

COMPARE AND CONTRAST | Chimpanzees vs Gorillas

ANCHOR

ACTIVATE BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE

Print and / or display provided pictures of a house cat and a lion.



Anchor Activity Images



SAY Point to the picture of the house cat.

Do you have a cat as a pet?

Pause for student responses.

This is a small kind of cat that many people keep as a pet. Pet cats usually live in a house. Sometimes, they live outside in a yard or barn. Where does your cat live?

Point to the picture of the lion.

A lion is a kind of cat too! Do you have a lion as a pet?

Pause for student responses.

SAY *No! Lions live in zoos and wild parts of Africa. Some lions also live in wildlife parks all over the world. But lions are too big to keep as a pet. And lions are wild animals. They can be dangerous to people.*

Let's compare pet cats and lions. Let's think about how they are the same.

Pause for student responses. (For example: they are both cats, they both have fur, they have four legs, they have sharp teeth / claws, etc.)

Yes! We just compared pet cats and lions. When we compare two things, we think about ways that they are the same.



Now, let's contrast pet cats and lions. Let's think about how they are different.

Pause for student responses. (For example: a pet cat is small, a lion is big, a pet cat is cuddly, a lion is dangerous, a pet cat lives in a house, a lion lives in a zoo / the wild / Africa, etc.)

Great! We just contrasted pet cats and lions. When we contrast two things, we think about ways that they are different.

PURPOSE STATEMENT



Today, we will read to compare and contrast chimpanzees and gorillas. To do this, we will read to answer two questions:

- How are chimpanzees the same as gorillas? (compare)
- How are chimpanzees different from gorillas? (contrast)

Pass out **Compare and Contrast**.

COMPARE AND CONTRAST

Compare and Contrast Lesson **E** L1+2

Let's Compare Chimpanzees and Gorillas

Chimpanzees	Gorillas
Chimpanzees don't have tails.	Gorillas don't have tails. Same or different?
How much do you weigh? Chimpanzees can weigh 130 pounds.	Gorillas can weigh 450 pounds! Same or different?
Chimpanzees live in groups.	Gorillas live in groups. Same or different?

Compare and Contrast Lesson **T** L3+4

Let's Compare Chimpanzees and Gorillas

Did you know that chimpanzees are not monkeys? Chimpanzees are apes. Gorillas are also apes. Let's compare chimpanzees and gorillas.

Chimpanzees	Gorillas
Chimpanzees do not have tails.	Gorillas do not have tails. Same or different?
A chimpanzee can weigh 130 pounds — as much as a grown-up person.	A gorilla can weigh 450 pounds — as much as four grown-ups! Same or different?
Chimpanzees live in groups.	Gorillas live in groups. Same or different?
Each night, chimpanzees make a new nest in a tree.	Each night, gorillas make a new nest on the ground. Gorillas nest in trees and on the ground. Same or different?

Compare and Contrast Lesson **C** L5

Let's Compare Chimpanzees and Gorillas

One (level) learned to talk about chimpanzees. Did you know that chimpanzees are not a kind of monkey? They are a kind of ape. Gorillas are also a kind of ape. Let's compare them to learn more.

Chimpanzees	Gorillas
Chimpanzees have no tails.	Gorillas have no tails. Same or different?
Chimpanzees are large. A male chimp can weigh 130 pounds — as much as an adult person.	Gorillas are huge. A male gorilla can weigh as much as four grown-ups! Same or different?
Chimpanzees like to be with other chimpanzees. They live in groups.	Gorillas like to be with other gorillas. They live in groups. Same or different?
Each night, chimpanzees make a new nest to sleep in. They usually make their nest up in a tree. Some gorillas can't climb the trees up there!	Each night, gorillas make a new nest to sleep in. Some gorillas make their nest up in a tree. Some gorillas can't climb the trees up there. Same or different?

Compare and Contrast Lesson **C** L6+7

Let's Compare Chimpanzees and Gorillas

One (level) learned to talk about chimpanzees. Did you know that chimpanzees are not a kind of monkey? Chimpanzees are a kind of ape. Gorillas are another kind of ape. What do you know about chimpanzees and gorillas? Let's compare them to learn more.

Chimpanzees	Gorillas
Chimpanzees have no tails.	Gorillas have no tails. Same or different?
Chimpanzees are large. A male chimp can weigh 130 pounds — as much as an adult person.	Gorillas are huge. A gorilla can weigh 450 pounds — as much as four grown-ups!
Chimpanzees like to be with other chimpanzees. They live in groups.	Gorillas like to be with other gorillas. They live in groups. Same or different?
Each night, chimpanzees make a new nest to sleep in. They usually make their nest up in a tree. Some gorillas can't climb the trees up there. Many gorillas make their nest on the ground.	Each night, gorillas make a new nest to sleep in. They can't climb the trees up there. Many gorillas make their nest on the ground. Many gorillas make their nest on the ground. Same or different?

READ

As a whole group, read the **Compare and Contrast** at **Transitional Level 3-4** or **Conventional Level 5**. Have student volunteers read words or labels where possible. Support students in reading.

APPLY



We read to compare and contrast chimpanzees and gorillas. How are they the same? How are they different? Take your compare and contrast sheet home so you can share what you learned with your family or friends!