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Compare and Contrast

- To **compare** is to tell how two or more things are alike. To **contrast** is to tell how two or more things are different.
- Authors sometimes use clue words such as *similar to*, *like*, or *as* to compare things. They may use clue words such as *different from*, *but*, or *unlike* to contrast.

Directions Read the sentences. Look at the underlined clue word or words in the sentence that show a compare or contrast relationship. On the line beside each sentence, write either *compare* or *contrast*.

- _____ Days before Vulcanalia, some citizens of Pompeii felt uneasy and left the city; in contrast, others stayed and prepared for the festivities.
- _____ Pliny the Elder died in the eruption of Vesuvius, but Pliny the younger survived.
- _____ Like the people who died in the eruption, many people who came back afterwards were killed by deadly gas.
- _____ At first people were only interested in finding treasures in the ruins; later, however, people wanted to study the ruins to learn about the past.
- _____ Like the ancient Romans and Greeks, the Maya left behind many examples of their life and culture.
- _____ In the north, there was dry, scrubby land that was not very good for farming; in contrast, in the south there were high mountains with rich and fertile soil.
- _____ Unlike the Romans, the Maya did not use pack animals to carry materials and supplies.
- _____ The ancient Egyptians built pyramids with flat sides, but the Maya built pyramids with terraced sides.
- _____ The Maya built vast temples, however most Maya lived in simple houses made with mud walls.
- _____ Today the Maya live in a modern world, but they still hold onto many ancient beliefs.