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Compare and Contrast

Directions Read the following passage. Then answer the questions below.

Alejandra was lying in her bed trying to sleep. She heard a howling noise outside that frightened her. Even though she knew it was probably just the wind, she could not calm herself down. She became so upset that she leaped out of bed and ran down the hall.

She burst into the front parlor and saw her mother sitting next to the fire writing a letter. Her mother looked up and smiled. “Would you like to help write this letter to your grandpa? Maybe you can think of

something interesting for me to add,” she said in a soothing voice. Alejandra could still hear the wind, but she felt safe and happy. She made up a funny story about a little girl who was frightened by the howl of the wind. Her mother added the story to the letter and said, “Your grandpa will say that reminds him of me when I was little!” After they finished, Alejandra hugged her mother and walked to her room. She was certain she would sleep happily for the rest of the night.

1. Which room is Alejandra in at the beginning of the passage?

2. How does she feel when she is in this room? Why does she feel this way?

3. Which room does Alejandra run to at the end of the first paragraph?

4. How does she feel when she gets there? Why do you think she feels this way?

5. How does Alejandra feel when she returns to her room? Why?



Home Activity Your child read a short passage and made comparisons and contrasts. Read two short stories or articles with your child. The stories should have some similarities without being too similar. Help your child to compare and contrast the details in the stories.