

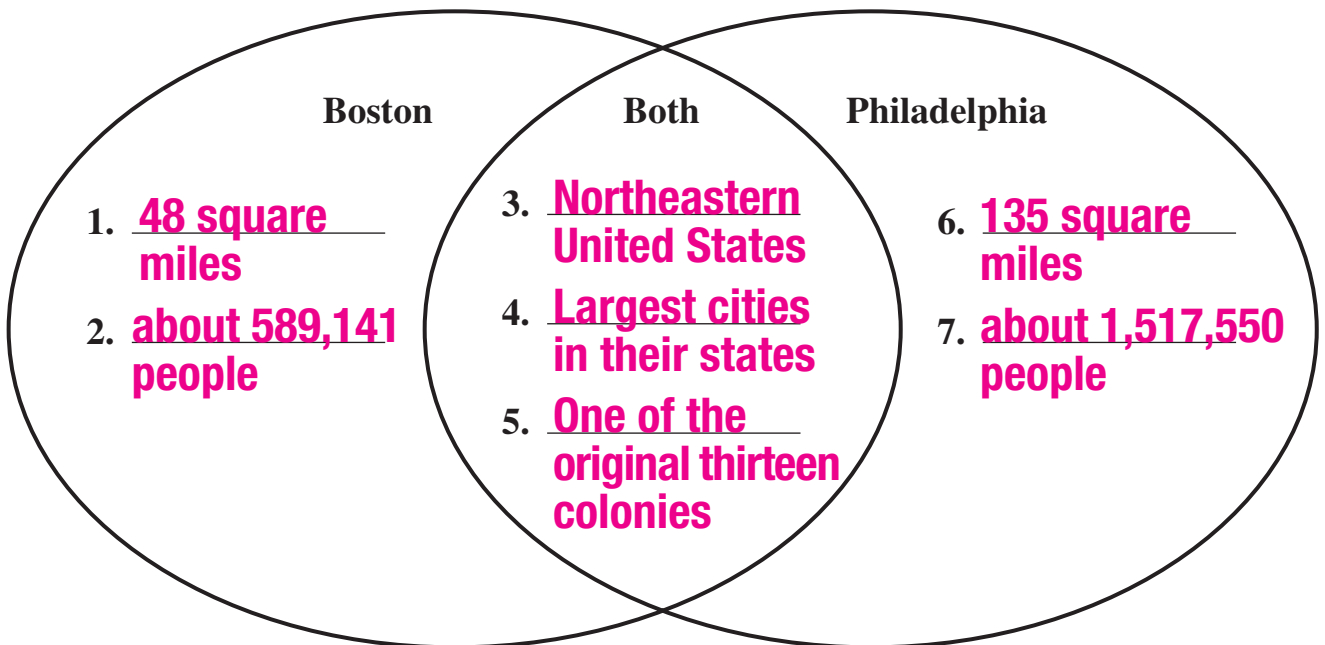
# Compare and Contrast • Ask Questions

- When you **compare** and **contrast**, you tell how things are alike and different.
- To **compare** and **contrast**, look for clue words that signal comparisons and contrasts, such as *like*, *both*, *different*, and *however*.
- As you read, ask yourself, “How are these things alike? How are they different?”

**Directions** Read the following passage. Then complete the diagram below.

**T**he cities of Boston and Philadelphia are alike in many ways. They are two of the largest cities in the U.S., and both are the largest cities in their states. Both cities are in states that were part of the thirteen original colonies. Also, both cities are located in the northeastern part of the U.S.

However, Boston and Philadelphia are different, too. Philadelphia is larger than Boston. Philadelphia has a population of about 1,517,550 people, but Boston has only about 589,141 people. Philadelphia is about 135 square miles. However, Boston is about 48 square miles.



8. Write a sentence telling another way you think these cities could be alike.

**Possible Response: Because they are large cities, they probably have lots of good restaurants and good public transportation.**



**Home Activity** Your child read a nonfiction passage that gives information about how two large cities in the United States are alike and different. With your child, read books about two other U.S. cities. Work together to identify how the cities are alike and different.