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# Compare and Contrast

- 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*.

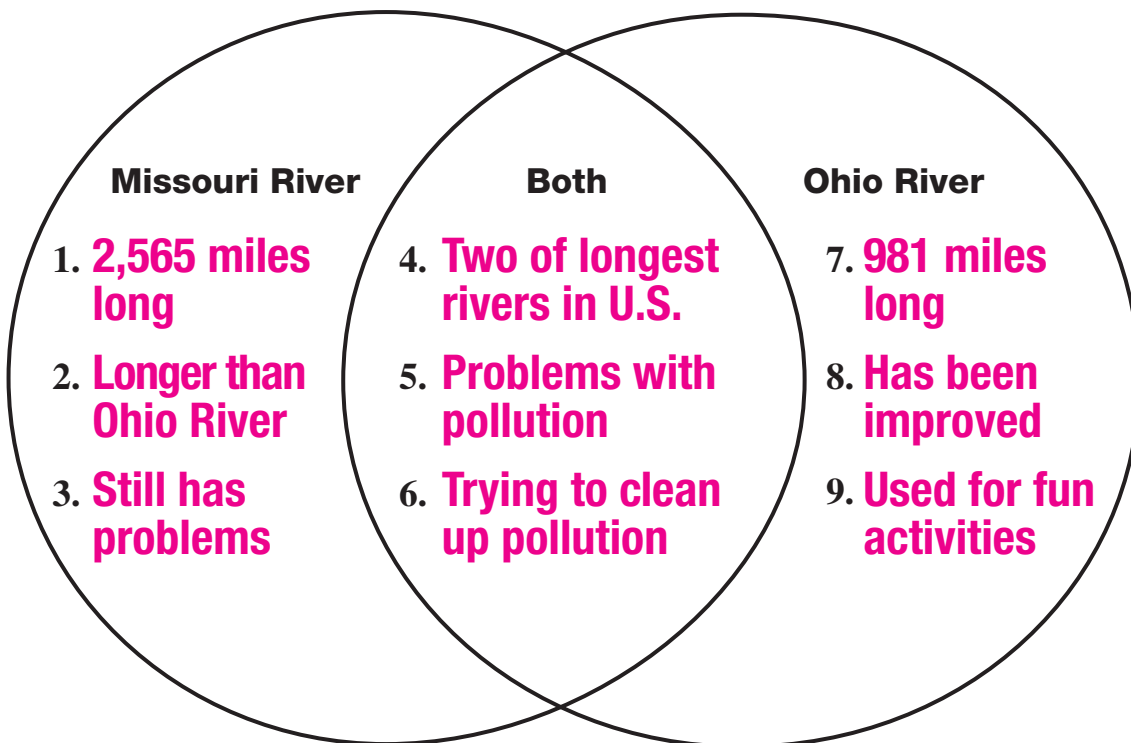
**Directions** Read the following passage. Then complete the diagram below.

**T**wo of the longest rivers in the United States are the Missouri River and the Ohio River.

The Missouri River is the longest. It is 2,565 miles in length. The Ohio River is the ninth longest. It is 981 miles in length. Both rivers have had problems with pollution. People have tried to clean them up.

The Ohio River’s pollution problem has been improved. In the last few years, more people are using the river for fun activities.

Parts of the Missouri River still have problems. There is still a loss of fish and wildlife in and near the river. People are working to clean up the Missouri River.



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**Home Activity** Your child read a nonfiction passage that gives information about how two rivers in the United States are alike and different. Read a book or article with your child about another river in this country. Work together to identify how the river is like and different from one of the rivers from above.