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## Compare and Contrast

- A **comparison** shows how two or more things are alike. A **contrast** shows how two or more things are different.
- Clue words such as **like** and **as** show comparisons. Clue words such as **but** and **unlike** show contrasts.

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

**W**hat about the huge spider that we first asked about? According to the book, the biggest spider ever was found in 1965. It measured eleven inches across. That's the size of a large frying pan!

And what about the world's fastest fish? The book says that the cosmopolitan sailfish has been measured at speeds of 68 miles per hour. A fish that fast can keep up with a car on a highway!

1. What does the author compare the spider to?

**a frying pan**

2. How does the comparison help you to understand what you read about the spider?

**Possible response: I can picture a frying pan in my mind and imagine a spider the same size.**

3. What does the author compare the fastest fish to?

**a car**

4. How does the comparison help you to understand what you read about the fish?

**Possible response: I know that cars can go very fast, so I know that the cosmopolitan sailfish can go very fast too.**

5. Summarize how both comparisons helped you to understand what you read.

**Possible response: The author compared something new to something familiar. It helped me understand what is special about the biggest spider and the fastest fish.**