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Compare and Contrast

- When you **compare** and **contrast** two or more things, you show how they are alike and different.
- Clue words such as *like* or *as* show comparisons. Words such as *but* or *however* show contrasts.
- Sometimes, writers do not use clue words when they compare and contrast things.

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

Being involved in elections is an important way people can show good citizenship. Just about every year, there’s some kind of election being held, either in your town, state, across the country, or maybe even in your school. A few people will serve their community by running for office. But running for office isn’t for everyone. Some people volunteer their time to campaign for a candidate. They pass out flyers and buttons. Sometimes,

they make phone calls to try and raise money for the campaign. They also help register people to vote.

Other people can get involved in a less direct way. They read newspapers and web sites, and talk to each other to learn about the issues. Learning about what’s at stake in an election is an important part of being a good citizen, because it helps you decide how you want to vote. The one thing every citizen can do is vote.

1. How can some people get directly involved in elections?

2. Name a less direct way people can get involved in an election.

3. What is one way all citizens can be involved in elections?

4. Where do elections take place?

5. Explain why you think voting is an important responsibility for every citizen.

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Home Activity Your child answered compare-and-contrast questions about elections. Have your child think about a recent school election. Compare his or her voting choice with the outcome. Ask your child questions about the overall experience.