ESOL Review Pack: Grades 4 - 5

This week we will compare and contrast different stories.

Day 1
1) Read story 1
2) Circle important words
3) Underline 2 important sentences
4) Write one sentence about the article

Day 2
1) Read story 2
2) Circle important words
3) Underline 2 important sentences
4) Write one sentence about the article

Day 3
1) Complete the Venn diagram to tell about the similarities and differences between story 1 and 2.

Day 4
1) Write one sentence to compare each story using the word bank
2) Write another sentence to contrast each story using the word bank

___ and ___ are similar because _____

Example: ___ and ___ are different because _____

Day 5
1) Reread both stories
Compare and Contrast

When you **COMPARE** something, you are telling how they are similar or alike.

**Compare Glue Words**
- like
- same
- both
- too
- similar
- alike
- also
- as well as
- most important
- have in common

When you **CONTRAST** something, you are telling how they are different.

**Contrast Glue Words**
- but
- although
- unlike
- while
- unless
- instead
- differ
- whereas
- on the other hand
- even though
Can you imagine carrying a gallon of milk everywhere you go? That would be heavy! But you’re stronger than you think because you carry about that much blood all the time. You can’t see your blood, but it’s constantly flowing inside you. Blood travels around your body delivering things you need to stay alive.

So how does blood travel? Your heart makes it happen. First it pumps blood through your lungs, where the blood picks up oxygen from the air you breathe. Then it pumps the blood around your body so the oxygen can be delivered to your cells.

As it travels, your blood also delivers nutrients to every cell in your body. Nutrients are the good things you get from food that help your body grow.

Blood has another important job of collecting waste that your cells don’t need any more. One type of waste that blood collects is a gas called carbon dioxide. Once your blood has traveled all around your body, it returns to your lungs carrying carbon dioxide. You get rid of the carbon dioxide when you breathe out, then your blood collects new oxygen to take around your body again. Your blood works hard to keep you alive!
Your Pulse
Grade 4, Article 2

Lexile®: 800L, 186 words

Think about a time when you were exercising a lot, or maybe a time when you were scared. Could you feel your heart beating? If you could, you felt your pulse.

Your heart pumps to move blood filled with oxygen around your body. When you are working hard, your cells use a lot of oxygen. Your blood needs to move faster so that it can deliver more oxygen to your cells. So your heart pumps harder and faster.

But when you are sleeping, your heart pumps slowly. That’s because you aren’t using a lot of energy, so your heart doesn’t need to work as hard.

You can feel your pulse to tell how hard your heart is working. Hold two fingers of one hand to your other wrist, just below your thumb. You should be able to feel the blood moving through your arm as your heart pumps. To check your pulse rate, count how many heartbeats you feel in one minute. A normal rate varies depending on your age, but ninety beats in one minute is average. How fast is your heart beating right now?

Grade 3, Article 1

Lexile®: 590L, 59 words

No one likes to see garbage on the ground. No one likes to see garbage filling up oceans and landfills, either. There’s a lot you can do to help keep the earth clean.

Reduce

The best way to keep garbage from piling up is to limit how much you make. Think about how often you throw a box or wrapper away. Buy snacks that come in bulk instead of little snack bags. Help plant a garden so your family can eat fresh, unpackaged foods. When you use less packaging, you reduce the garbage you create.

Reuse

Need to buy something new? Try reusing what you have instead. Learn to sew and turn your old clothes into bags or toys. Save your plastic food containers for storing leftovers. Or decorate them. Then you can use them for holding toys or pens and pencils. Anything you do to keep your stuff out of the garbage will help the earth.

Recycle

Paper, plastic bags, bottles, and other items can be made into new stuff. Save your recyclables, and turn them in to your city’s recycling center. You can even earn money by recycling soda cans and plastic bottles.

You can make a big difference by practicing the three Rs regularly!
Make Your Own Recycled Paper

Grade 3, Article 2
Lexile®: 700L, 190 words

Did you know that you can make your own recycled paper at home? Here's what you will need:

- newspaper, paper towels, or construction paper
- a dishpan
- a blender
- an 8 x 10 inch piece of small-holed screen
- a towel
- a smooth board
- a cotton cloth

**Step 1:**
Tear the paper into small pieces. Then fill a dishpan with warm water and soak the pieces in it all night.

**Step 2:**
The next day, add more warm water to the dishpan and break the mixture apart.

**Step 3:**
Place the mixture in your blender and add enough water to fill it halfway. Blend the mixture in short bursts until it looks like mushy soup. You've created pulp.

**Step 4:**
Cover the screen evenly with your pulp. Then lay a towel out and place the screen on top. Press the board firmly onto the pulp, squeezing out the water. Set the board aside when done.
Step 5:
Place the cotton cloth on a flat surface. Turn the screen over onto the cloth and carefully remove it, leaving the paper on the cloth. You may need to use a spatula to separate the paper from the screen.

Step 6:
Lay your paper out to dry. You can experiment by adding dried flowers, glitter, or other add-ins when creating your pulp. Just think of all the different kinds of paper you can make!
Write one sentence contrasting the articles. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Make Your Own Recycled Paper.

Use the words from the word bank to compare and contrast the articles:

\[\text{Contrast: Writing Activity}\]