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## Compare and Contrast

- When you **compare and contrast** things you tell how they are similar and how they are different.
- Sometimes clue words point out comparisons and contrasts, but not always.
- You can compare and contrast different things you read about with one another and also with what you already know.

**Directions** Read the following passage.

In Japan during the Middle Ages, samurai warriors followed a code of honor called bushido. Following the code meant being a fierce fighter, an athlete, a kind and honest person, and living a simple life. During the same time in Europe, knights were expected to follow

the code of chivalry. Chivalry meant you were loyal to a lord (the landowner who hired the knight), brave in battle, and honorable in all deeds. They wore different armor. Samurai primarily wore protective leather gear, and knights wore heavy metal armor.

**Directions** Complete the following graphic organizer. List similarities and differences between *chivalry* and *bushido*. Then compare them with a code with which you are familiar.

Similarities in Text	Differences in Text	Compared with What I Know
1.	3.	4.
2.	Samurai wore leather gear, and knights wore metal armor.	5.

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**Home Activity** Your child read a short passage and made comparisons and contrasts. Read two of your child's favorite stories and compare and contrast the main characters.