

Name _____

Compare and Contrast

- To **compare** and **contrast** two or more things is to show how things are alike and different.
- Some clue words are: *as, like, but* and *however*.
- Sometimes writers do not use clue words when they compare and contrast things.

Directions Read the following passage. Fill in the columns below based on Alex’s thoughts before and after he went to the kitchen at the shelter with his dad.

Alex had never gone with his father to the kitchen at the shelter where his dad volunteered. Alex figured it was just like an ordinary kitchen, just bigger. He imagined his dad and other people making and serving soup, but he never really thought about the people who ate at the soup kitchen. That all changed the first time he accompanied his dad to the shelter.

When he got to the shelter, Alex realized he had the wrong impression about what happened there. Volunteers like his dad were serving pancakes, oatmeal, and other breakfast items. Alex noticed a large dining area where many families were eating—moms, dads, and children. And he saw many people who reminded him of his grandparents.

Before	After
Alex figured it was an ordinary kitchen, just bigger.	1.
2.	3.
4.	5.

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Home Activity Your child compared and contrasted *before* and *after* details from a short passage. Discuss an event in your child’s life and list your child’s thoughts or feelings before and after the event.