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## Compare and Contrast Adventure Stories

### Practice

Read the two adventure stories and answer the questions below. Write your answers on the lines and then print this page.

#### **My Day on Planet Z**

I asked Mom and Dad every single day if I could fly down to Planet Z. You could say that I begged. Finally, they said yes. At first, I couldn't believe it. But they really had agreed.

I should explain. My family and I have lived on Falcon 113 for about a year. Falcon 113 is a space station in orbit around Planet Z. All of us here are astronauts, even me. And I am only in fourth grade! We were all trained back on Earth at a NASA base in Houston. Our job is to study Planet Z.

This was my first visit to the planet. There were conditions, of course. Mom and Dad couldn't take time off from their jobs. I had to find some adults to go with me, so I asked Mr. and Mrs. Ramos, who are good friends of my family. I was so happy when they agreed.

We took the lander down to the surface. It was more beautiful than I had expected. Purple sand stretched away as far as the eye could see. We drove along slowly in our hover-car that floated like a cloud. We saw huge shiny green mountains. They were emeralds that dazzled our eyes. So far, no one has found any living things on Planet Z.

At the end of the day, we flew back home to Falcon 113. I plan to go back soon and keep exploring!

# Part 1 READING: LITERATURE

## 1.3 Integration of Knowledge and Ideas

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### A Ride to Remember

I felt like the luckiest kid in the world. I had won a contest by writing a song for an ad for a hot air balloon company. My prize was a ride for two in a hot air balloon! I took along my father as my guest.

We scheduled the ride for a Saturday morning. We took off from a field near Austin. The balloon was above us, and the city was beneath us. Every few moments, the burner blasted more heat into the balloon. Before we got too high, I could see people below waving at our rainbow-striped balloon. My father and I waved back.

As we rode, I thought about what we had learned about balloons. I knew that they had been invented in France over 200 years ago. People had been enjoying this kind of ride for centuries!

All too soon, the ride was over. Our striped flying machine came to a rest outside town. I'll never forget that wonderful Saturday morning!

1. How are the topics of the adventure stories similar and/or different?

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2. How are the patterns of events in the adventure stories similar and/or different?

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3. How are the themes of the adventure stories similar and/or different?

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