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Nonfiction: Compare & Contrast – Q3:5

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As you answer this week's questions, highlight your evidence in the text.

King of the Jungle?

The lion is often referred to as "The King of the Jungle." However, the majority of lions don't live in the jungle. They live in the savannahs of Africa. A savannah is a large, flat grassland. They have scattered shrubs but very few trees.

Savannahs don't get enough rain for a thick forest to grow. In fact, the tall grass that does grow there is often beige, not green. Lions are a similar tawny color. Lions often hide in savannah grass while hunting their prey. If lions lived in jungles, their light taupe color wouldn't offer much camouflage.

If lions did live in jungles, they'd have some tough competition for the title of "King of the Jungle": Tigers.

The only tigers living in Africa are in zoos, nature preserves or as pets. Tigers are not native to Africa. Most tigers live in Asia.

The tiger's orange fur is striped with black or brown. These stripes are on the tiger's skin, as well. You might think a tiger's coloring would stand out in the jungle. Not so. Jungle trees cast strips of shadow onto the forest floor. The tiger's stripes help the large cat blend in with the sunshine and shadows of the jungle.

If the lion and tiger had to fight for the title of king, who would win?

Tigers are much heavier than lions. Tigers can weigh up to 800 pounds. Male lions typically weigh 550 pounds. Also, a tiger's weight is almost all muscle. So physically, tigers have the advantage. But don't count the lion out of the fight just yet.

Lions live in groups called prides. Female groups do the hunting. Male lions fight as a group to defend their territory from any intruder. Tigers are more **solitary**. As cubs, they live with their mother for 2 years. After that, they prefer to live alone. When it comes to hunting and fighting, each tiger fends for himself. So, one-on-one, a tiger would probably win against a lion. But in terms of combat strategy, a group of fighting lions could likely take down a single tiger.

It's pretty hard to say who is the real "King". I guess you'll need to decide for yourself!



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<p>What is the author comparing in the text?</p> <hr/>	<p>How are jungles and savannahs different?</p> <hr/>
<p>Based on the first paragraph, why can't a lion be called "King of the Jungle"?</p> <hr/>	<p>According to the text, why is a savannah a good environment for a lion?</p> <hr/>
<p>Determine the meaning of the word solitary in the text.</p> <hr/>	<p>Based on the information in the text, would you ever see a lion and tiger living in the same habitat?</p> <hr/>
Wednesday	Thursday
<p>Circle the text below that would most likely be organized in the same way (compare & contrast).</p> <p>A book about President Lincoln. An article about the North and South Pole A recipe for cookies</p>	<p>Write a short summary about this text.</p> <hr/>
<p>Why is a jungle a good environment for a tiger?</p> <hr/>	<hr/>
<p>According to the text, what advantage do tigers have over lions?</p> <hr/>	<hr/>
<p>Lions fight as a group to defend their territory. Why would this be helpful against a tiger?</p> <hr/>	<hr/>

More of My Thinking

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My Progress

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
____ out of 4 correct I need more help with...	____ out of 4 correct I need more help with...	____ out of 4 correct I need more help with...	____ out of 4 correct I need more help with...

Answer Key - Nonfiction: Compare & Contrast – Q3:5

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<p>What is the main idea of the text?</p> <p>The differences between tigers and lions</p>	<p>Why did the author write this text?</p> <p>To explain how tigers and lions are different. To figure out who would be “king of the jungle”</p>
<p>What is the author comparing in the text?</p> <p>Tigers and lions</p>	<p>How are jungles and savannahs different?</p> <p>Jungles have lots of trees and savannahs do not.</p>
<p>Based on the first paragraph, why can't a lion be called “King of the Jungle”?</p> <p>They don't live in jungles</p>	<p>According to the text, why is a savannah a good environment for a lion?</p> <p>The color of their fur blends in with the savannah.</p>
<p>Determine the meaning of the word solitary in the text.</p> <p>alone, private</p>	<p>Based on the information in the text, would you ever see a lion and tiger living in the same habitat? Why?</p> <p>No. Lions live in Africa and tigers live in Asia.</p>
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<p>Circle the text below that would most likely be organized in the same way (compare & contrast).</p> <p>A book about President Lincoln. An article about the North and South Pole A recipe for cookies</p>	<p>Write a short summary about this text.</p> <p>Accept all reasonable answers.</p>
<p>Why is a jungle a good environment for a tiger?</p> <p>The color of their fur blends in with a jungle environment.</p>	
<p>According to the text, what advantage do tigers have over lions?</p> <p>Tigers weigh more and have more muscle.</p>	
<p>Lions fight as a group to defend their territory. Why would this be helpful against a tiger?</p> <p>Tigers are usually alone, so a group of lions could more easily win against a tiger.</p>	