



Home & Away

Grade 3

Name: _____

Read the passage comparing two different places or ways of life. Then answer the questions about similarities and differences.

Text evidence: use words and sentences from the passage to support your answers.

Apartment vs Farmhouse: Different Homes



Apartments and farmhouses are very different places to live, but they **both** offer a place to call home. An apartment is usually a smaller living space inside a larger building, often found in busy cities. Many families live close together in one apartment building. **On the other hand**, a farmhouse is a single, stand-alone house, usually much larger, surrounded by land in the countryside. Farmhouses often have big yards or fields.

Living in an apartment means you might have neighbors above, below, and next to you. You might share hallways and laundry rooms. **However**, a farmhouse usually means more privacy and space. Some farmhouses were built over 100 years ago, showing a long history. In 2020, about 30% of homes in the U.S. were apartments, **while** farmhouses made up a much smaller percentage.

Both apartments and farmhouses provide shelter from the weather and have essential rooms like kitchens and bedrooms. **Similarly**, families in **both** types of homes create memories and share meals. Children in **both** settings have places to play, though the spaces are very different.

Unlike apartment dwellers who might use a shared park, farmhouse residents often have their own large backyards for playing. Farmhouses might also require more chores, like gardening or caring for animals, **while** apartment living often means less outdoor maintenance.



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) Which type of home is often found in busy cities with many families living close together?

- (A) Apartment (B) Farmhouse (C) Both (D) Neither

(2) Which type of home provides shelter and has kitchens and bedrooms?

- (A) Apartment (B) Farmhouse (C) Both (D) Neither

(3) "Apartments are usually smaller, **while** farmhouses are much larger." Is this a **SIMILARITY** or a **DIFFERENCE**?

- (A) Similarity (B) Difference

(4) "Families in **both** types of homes create memories and share meals." Is this a **SIMILARITY** or a **DIFFERENCE**?

- (A) Similarity (B) Difference

(5) Describe **ONE** similarity between an apartment and a farmhouse. Quote from the passage.

(6) Would you prefer to live in an apartment or a farmhouse? Use **TWO** details from the passage to explain your choice.



