Compare Texts

Grade 2 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle the best answer.

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   Text 2, because it tells about the astronauts

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