Compare Texts

Grade 2 Reading Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

Read the text. Circle the best answer.

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   - Text 2, because it tells about the plow trucks
   - Text 2, because it tells about the high school gym

2. In Text 1, what are drifts?
   - deep piles of snow made by the wind
   - paths shoveled along a street
   - trucks that push snow off roads

3. Why did the plows clear the main roads first, according to Text 2?
   - so fire trucks and ambulances could move
   - so the wind would stop making drifts
   - so schools could open on Wednesday

4. What important point about the roads do both texts make?
   - The snow fell for three whole days.
   - The storm knocked down the town library.
   - The deep snow blocked the town's roads.

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Answer Key - Grade 2 Reading Worksheet

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