Compare and Contrast

Grade 3 Reading Worksheet - Building Confidence

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   farm crops honeybees flowers

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   They carry pollen. They visit flowers. They make wax cells.

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   Bees help apple trees make fruit.

   Pollen sticks to a bee's fuzzy body.

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5. Which text tells how honey is made?

   both texts Text 2 Text 1

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   Text 1 Text 2 both texts

7. How are the two texts different?

One is about honey; the other is about helping plants.

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9. Which detail is NOT in either text?

Bees dance to show where flowers are.

Bees carry pollen between flowers.

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in summer, when the nectar is fresh

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