



Step 2: DISCOVER

Compare and Contrast

Building on Past Experiences

“Compare and Contrast” guides you to interpret the information gathered with visual vocabulary with information you already know.

Comparing and contrasting what you know with what you see helps you discover evidence and develop critical thinking.

LLF's “Zipper”

Using past experiences and knowledge, as the basis for Compare and Contrast is LLF’s “zipper,” a comfortable way to connect different ages and experience levels around shared experiences. It recognizes the importance of everyone’s knowledge and experience, builds on existing strengths, and supports conversation among different age levels, skills and cultures.

As you compare and contrast consider

Those windows are the same as . . .

That reminds me . . .

Do you remember when . . .

That’s very different from what I saw . . .

Conversation is the key to language development, critical thinking and excitement about learning.