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Forest Friends

Directions: Read the short passage. Then complete each sentence starter to show how the two animals are similar or different. Use clear compare and contrast wording.

The red squirrel and the chipmunk both live in forest habitats and spend much of their day gathering food. Red squirrels usually stay up in the trees, where they leap from branch to branch to search for nuts and pine cones. Chipmunks prefer the forest floor, where they fill their cheek pouches with seeds and berries before storing them in underground burrows. Even though they gather similar foods, red squirrels are louder and more territorial, while chipmunks tend to stay quiet and hidden.

Complete the Similarity Starters:

1. Both the red squirrel and the chipmunk _____.
2. In the same way, they _____.
3. One thing they share is _____.

Complete the Difference Starters:

4. Unlike the red squirrel, the chipmunk _____.
5. However, the red squirrel _____.
6. On the other hand, the chipmunk _____.