

Forest Friends Answer Key

Student answers will vary, but the following are examples of correct responses:

1. Both the red squirrel and the chipmunk gather food in the forest.
2. In the same way, they look for nuts, seeds, and other small foods.
3. One thing they share is that they live in forest habitats.
4. Unlike the red squirrel, the chipmunk spends most of its time on the forest floor.
5. However, the red squirrel is louder and more territorial.
6. On the other hand, the chipmunk stays quiet and hides more often.

Teacher's Guide

- Use this worksheet after introducing **compare and contrast text structures** in Grades 3 to 5.
- Encourage students to underline key details in the passage before completing the stems.
- Offer sentence frames for support, such as "Both animals..." or "The chipmunk is different because...".
- For differentiation:
 - Provide a word bank for emerging writers.
 - Let advanced students write an extra full paragraph using their completed sentences.
- For engagement:
 - Invite students to sketch the two animals and label similarities and differences.
- For extension:
 - Have students find another pair of animals or objects and create their own sentence starters.