

## Difference Matters Answer Key

Answers will vary. A correct response should include:

- A **specific, observable difference** between a hardcover book and an e-reader.
- A clear explanation of why the difference matters.
- Logical reasoning supported by at least one example.

**Sample Response:** A hardcover book never needs charging, but an e-reader must be charged in order to work. This difference matters because it affects when and where a person can read. For example, someone with only an e-reader might lose access to their books if the battery dies during a trip. A hardcover book can always be opened and read, so it is more dependable in places where charging is difficult.

### Teacher's Guide

- Introduce this activity after students understand basic compare and contrast structures and are ready to move toward **analysis**, not just listing differences.
- Encourage students to look for differences that impact **use, experience, or decision making**, not small surface details.
- For differentiation:
  - Provide a list of possible differences for students who need support.
  - Offer guiding questions such as "How does this change the way someone reads or uses the item?"
- For engagement:
  - Let students bring in two safe classroom objects and repeat the activity using real items.
- For extension:
  - Have students turn their explanation into a full compare and contrast paragraph by adding a topic sentence and a concluding sentence.