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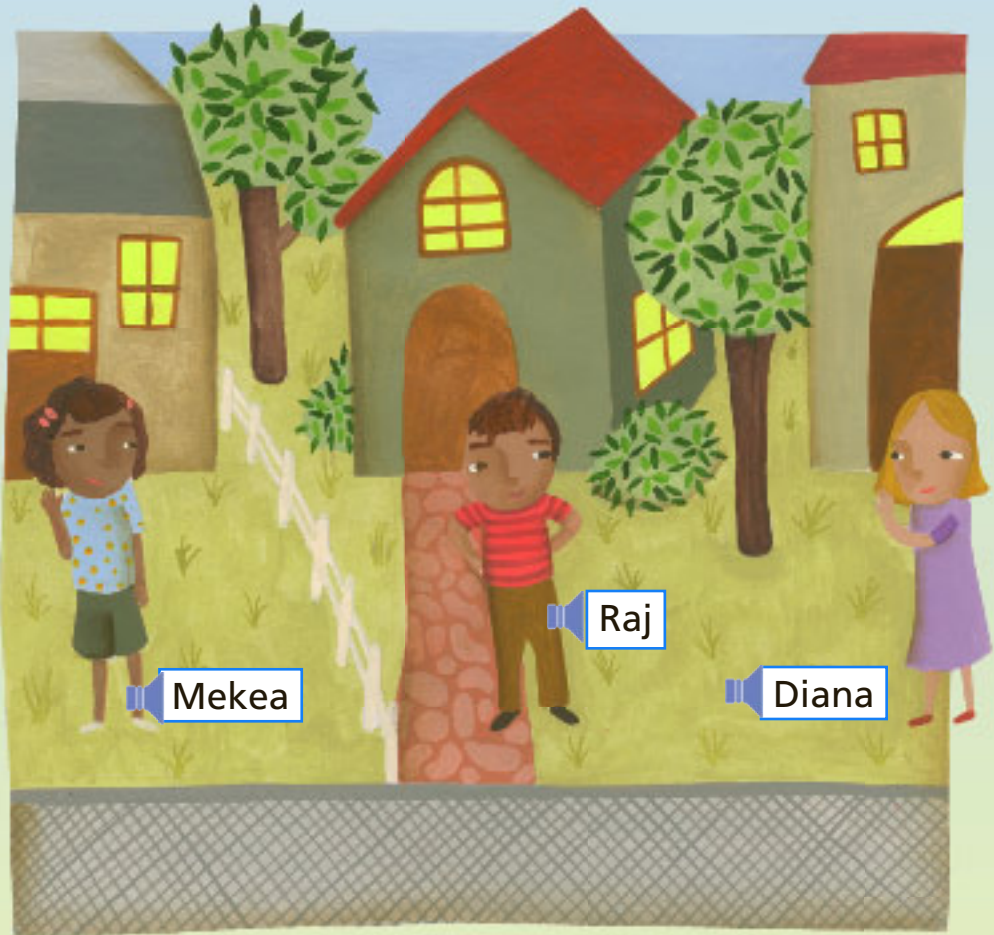
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Mekea, Raj, and Diana lived on the same street. The children played together. They were good friends. They knew everything about one another. Then something strange happened.

🔊 One morning, Mekea’s alarm clock rang. She stretched out her arm to turn it off. Mekea stretched . . . and stretched . . . and stretched! Her alarm clock was across the room, but she stretched her arm far enough to reach it.

“I have a super power!” thought Mekea.



🔊 The same morning, Raj woke up. He looked for his sneakers. Raj saw his sneakers under the bed.

🔊 “I will move the bed to get my sneakers,” thought Raj. Then he lifted the bed . . . with one hand! The bed **sprang** into the air. It was as light as a piece of paper. He was so strong!

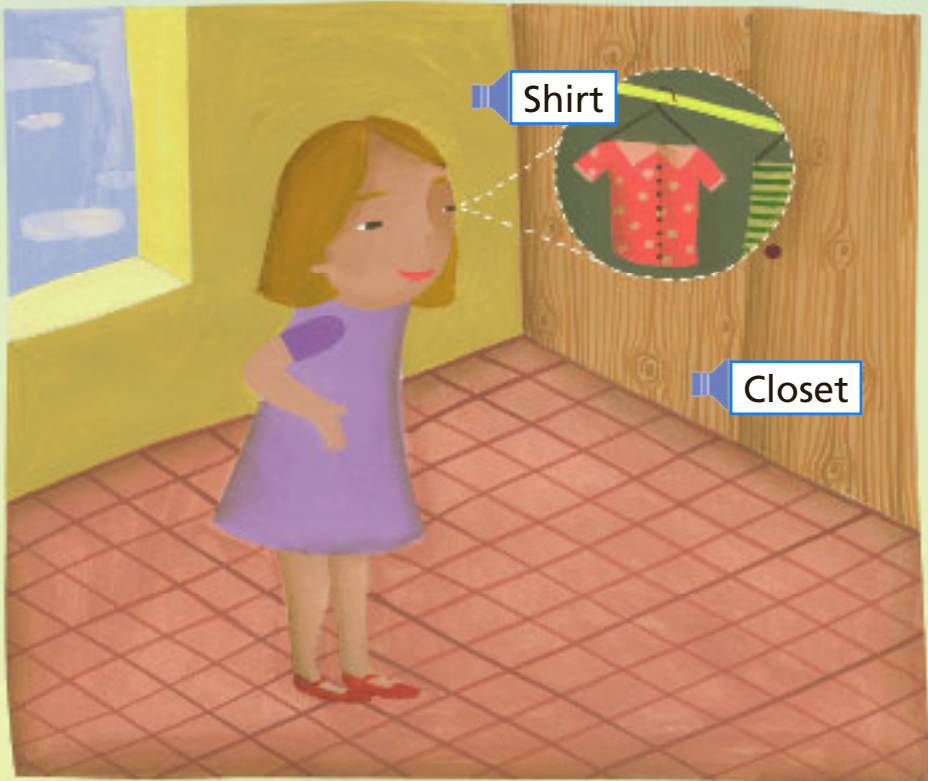
“I have a super power!” thought Raj.



🔊 Diana woke up the same morning. “Where is my favorite shirt?” she said. “Did I put it in the closet?”

🔊 Diana went to the closet. The door was closed. Suddenly, she saw her shirt . . . through the door! Diana had x-ray vision!

“I have a super power!” thought Diana.





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Mekea, Raj, and Diana went to the street corner to play. The children looked at one another. No one talked about super powers.

“Will my friends learn about my super power?” thought Mekea, Raj, and Diana.



Mekea, Raj, and Diana walked down the street. They saw a boy gazing up into a tree. He looked sad.

“What are you looking at?” Diana asked the boy.

“My kite is in this tree,” said the boy. He pointed up.

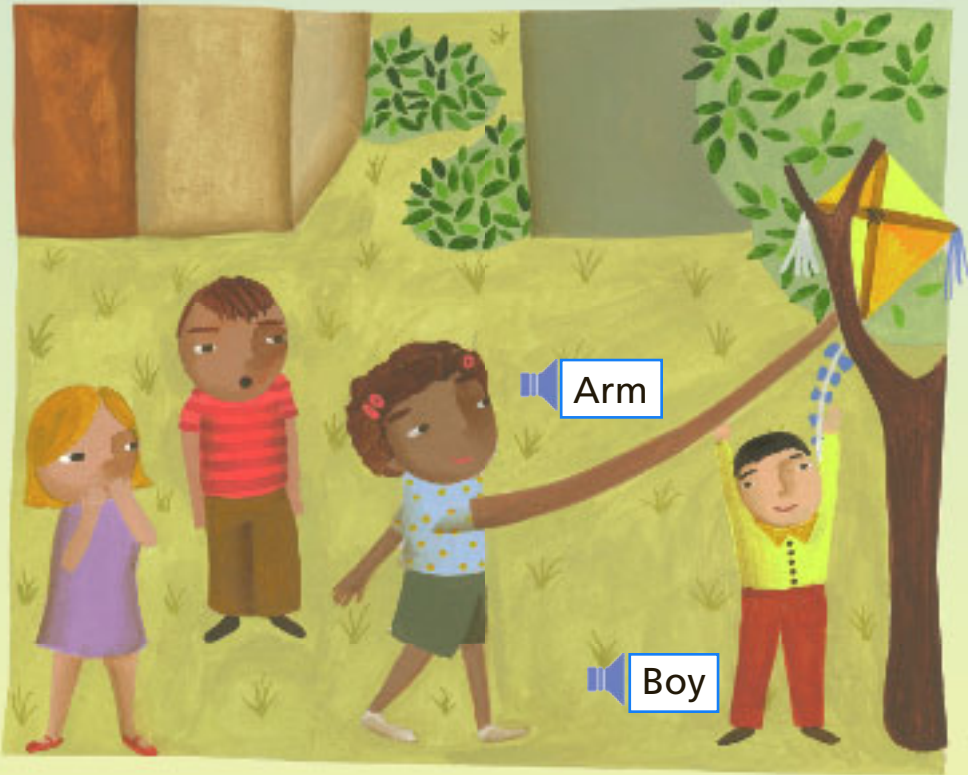


🔊 “I can help,” said Mekea.

“Will you climb the tree?” the boy asked.

🔊 Mekea smiled. “No.” She stretched her arm up and up and up. She got the kite. Mekea gave the kite to the boy.

🔊 “Wow! You are a **hero**! You are a superhero! Thanks,” said the boy.





🔊 Raj and Diana studied Mekea's arm. Her arm looked okay. Mekea was not sick. Raj and Diana did not talk about Mekea's arm. The friends walked down the street. They saw a girl next to a car.

🔊 "Can you help me?" the girl asked. "My toy went under this car. I can't reach it."



🔊 Raj said, “I will help you.”

Raj picked up the car. He lifted the car high over his head.

🔊 “There is your toy,” Raj told the girl.

“Thanks,” the girl said.

The girl picked up her toy. She ran down the street to play. Raj put the car down.

🔊 Diana looked at Raj. “Do you do a lot of exercise, Raj? Are your arms sore?” she asked. “That car is very heavy!”

🔊 Raj said, “No. I have a super power, just like Mekea. She can stretch her arm. I can lift heavy things. Mekea and I are superheroes!”

🔊 Diana did not talk about her x-ray vision. The friends walked to the park. On the way, they heard a girl yelling, “Comet! Where are you?”



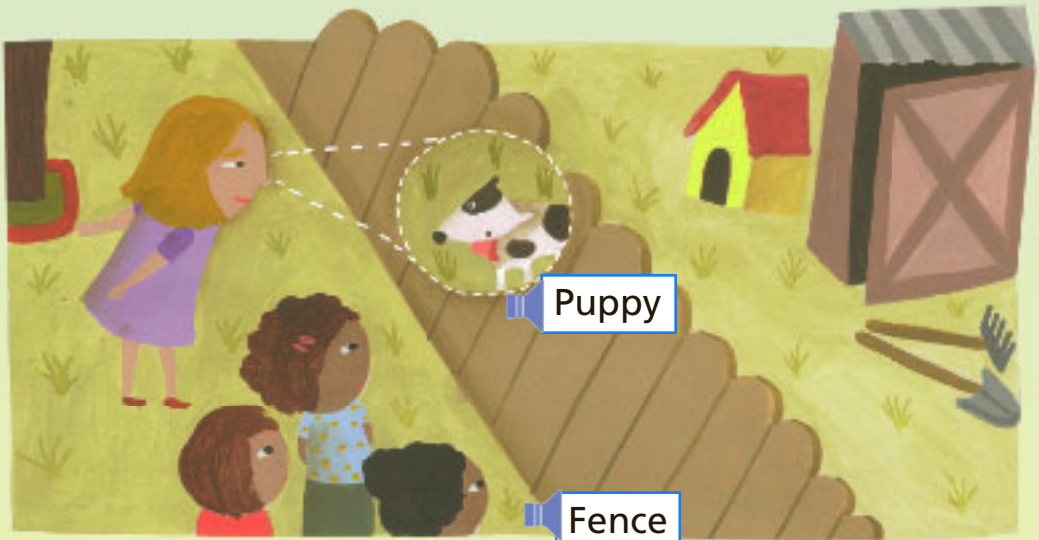
🔊 Diana asked, “What’s wrong?”

The girl said, “My puppy, Comet, is lost.”

“I will help,” said Diana. She looked at the fence. “Your puppy is behind this fence,” she said.

🔊 “Thanks!” said the girl.

“Wow!” said Mekea. “You are a superhero, too. Mekea, Raj, and Diana—the three superheroes! Can we help other people?”



Mekea , Raj, and Diana were busy that day. They helped many people.

“People really depended on our super powers today,” said Raj. “Everyone needed us to help.”

“Yes, I don’t know how we overlooked these powers,” Diana said.

“I feel strange,” said Mekea.

Then she stretched her arm. It did not stretch very far. Raj tried to lift a heavy rock. He could not pick up the rock. Diana tried to look into a van. She could not see inside the van.



🔊 “We are not superheroes anymore,” said Diana, sadly.

“That’s okay,” Raj said. “We can still help people.”

“Yes, we can,” said Mekea.

🔊 The friends said goodnight. They all went home. They thought about the next day. Would they have super powers again tomorrow? Maybe, or maybe not. . . .

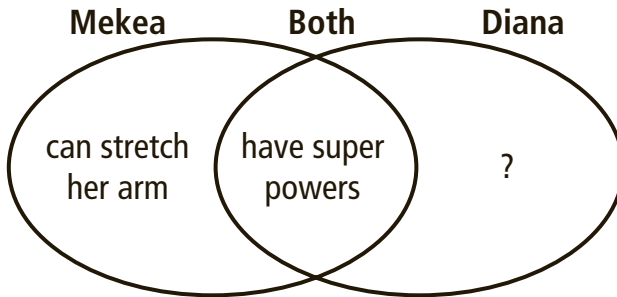


# Responding



## TARGET SKILL Compare and Contrast

Copy the diagram below. Then use the diagram to compare how Mekea and Diana are alike and how they are different.



## Write About It

**Text to Text** Write a few sentences about a different book where the characters help people. Include a beginning sentence that will make the reader want to keep reading.





### TARGET VOCABULARY

depended  
exercise  
gazing  
hero

overlooked  
sore  
sprang  
studied



### TARGET SKILL

### Compare and Contrast

Tell how two things are alike or not.



### TARGET STRATEGY

### Monitor/Clarify

Find ways to figure out what doesn't make sense.



**GENRE** A **fantasy** is a story that could not happen in real life.

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**DRA:** 18

**Genre:**

Fantasy

**Strategy:**

Monitor/Clarify

**Skill:**

Compare and Contrast

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