

## WORKSHEET - COMPARE AND CONTRAST 2

As Robert was one day rambling about, he happened to cry out, “Ho, ho!” He instantly heard coming back from a hill nearby, the same words, “Ho, ho!” In great surprise, he said with a loud voice, “Who are you?” Upon this, the same words came back, “Who are you?” Robert now cried out harshly, “You must be a very foolish fellow.” “Foolish fellow!” came back from the hill.



Robert became angry, and with loud and fierce words went toward the spot whence the sounds came. The words all came back to him in the same angry tone. He then went into the thicket, and looked for the boy who, as he thought, was mocking him; but he could find nobody anywhere.

When he went home, he told his mother that some boy had hid himself in the wood, for the purpose of mocking him. “Robert,” said his mother, “you are angry with yourself alone. You heard nothing but your own words.”

“Why, mother, how can that be?” said Robert.

“Did you never hear an echo?” asked his mother.

“An echo, dear mother? No, ma’am. What is it?”

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“I will tell you,” said his mother. “You know, when you play with your ball, and throw it against the side of a house, it bounds back to you.”

“Yes, mother,” said he, “and I catch it again.”

“Well,” said his mother, “if I were in the open air, by the side of a hill or a large barn, and should speak very loud, my voice would be sent back, so that I could hear again the very words which I spoke. “That, my son, is an echo. When you thought some one was mocking you, it was only the hill before you, echoing, or sending back, your own voice.

“The bad boy, as you thought it was, spoke no more angrily than yourself. If you had spoken kindly, you would have heard a kind reply. “Had you spoken in a low, sweet, gentle tone, the voice that came back would have been as low, sweet, and gentle as your own.

“The Bible says, ‘A soft answer turneth away wrath.’ Remember this when you are at play with your school mates. “If any of them should be offended, and speak in a loud, angry tone, remember the echo.”

**QUESTION**

1. What advice did Robert’s Mother give him?

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2. What is an echo?

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3. Why was Robert surprise to hear “Ho, ho!”

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4. Why was Robert angry?

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5. What was Robert doing in hills?

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6. What does “**thicket**” mean?

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7. Match the word (or phrase) similar in meaning.

**SORT ELEMENTS**

noisy      harshly      making fun of someone      fierce

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| rough manner |  |
| mocking      |  |
| loud         |  |
| wild         |  |

8. To What did Robert’s mother compare an echo?

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