

# Juxtaposition

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Two different ideas, places or characters placed near each other in a narrative or novel that compare/contrast each other.

Read this passage....

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# Questions..

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1) What is the juxtaposition seen in this passage?

2) How does juxtaposition affect the imagery in the reader's mind?

3) How does the comparison in the juxtaposition shape the passage?

4) What is the feeling/ tone? If the juxtaposition wasn't there, would the tone stay the same?

Now you try...

Write a 2-4 sentence paragraph that uses juxtaposition, that talks about 2 of your closest friends.