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Compare and Contrast Worksheet

A TERRIFYING EXPERIENCE



The night was wet and very windy. I could hear the patter, patter of the rain on the galvanize roof. The wind howled while the trees swayed. I looked out my window into the darkness, suddenly a lightening lit up the sky. I shivered slightly and thought it was time for bed.

Once in bed, I could not sleep. The gentle tapping of a tree branch on the window was disturbing. I flung myself out of bed and peeped out the window one more time. The tree branches were still now and the wind had stopped blowing, but the gentle tapping sound continued. I was now confused. Then I heard a strange voice outside. This really scared me. So I went back to bed and under the sheets.

Questions:

1. Which word could convey that the experience was terrifying for the writer?

- ☐ patter ☐ tapping ☐ scared ☐ howled

2. Who or what is responsible for the experience?

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| ☐ the wind | ☐ the rain |
| ☐ the owner of the strange voice | ☐ the tree branch |

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3. Who or what was affected in this story?

- ☐ The person outside ☐ The wind ☐ The reader ☐ the narrator

4. List the causes of the writer's fright.

- ☐ the wind ☐ the rain ☐ the tree
☐ the voice ☐ the gentle tapping

5. What is the effect of the experience?

- ☐ shivered ☐ scared ☐ hide under cover
○ ☐ speechless ☐ sleepless