



Capítulo 1A

Actividad 9, p. 25

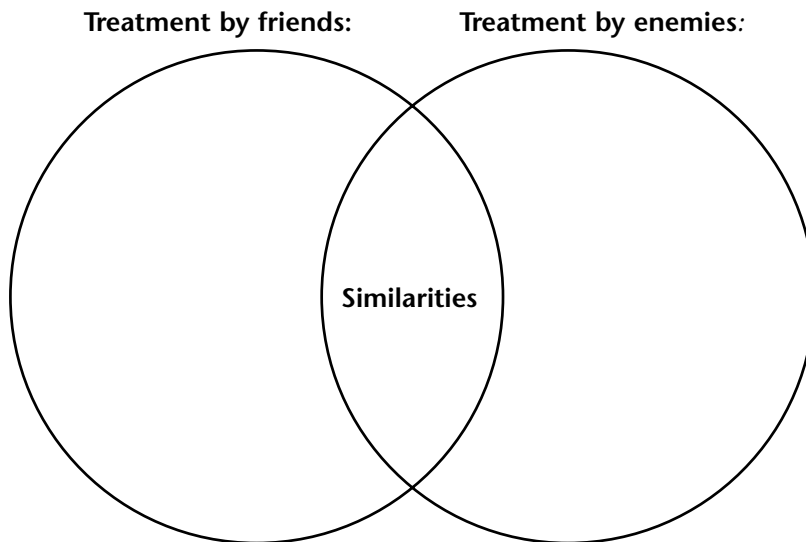
Recognizing the Use of Comparison and Contrast

To recognize comparison and contrast in a reading passage, good readers can point out how items or ideas in the reading passage are similar to or different from each other. Sometimes writers will directly state that they are comparing or contrasting items in a reading passage. Other times readers might recognize items in a reading passage that could be compared or contrasted even though the writer might not have presented the information for that purpose.

Tip

The Venn diagram is an excellent visual tool to help students see differences and similarities when comparing and contrasting. The area where two circles overlap is the place to list the similarities between items. List the differences between items in the areas that do not overlap.

1. On page 25 in your textbook, re-read the poem “*Versos sencillos*” in **Actividad 9**. After you have finished reading, complete the Venn diagram below to show the similarities and differences in the way that the speaker treats and is treated by his friends and enemies.



Sample question:

2. What is most surprising about the poem “*Versos sencillos*”?
A The speaker’s enemies tear out his heart.
B The speaker’s friends are sincere in offering a hand.
C The speaker treats both his friends and enemies the same way.
D The speaker’s enemies treat him the same way that his friends do.