

	<i>Reading Tool</i>	<b>Strategies of Independent Strategic Readers Supported by this Reading Tool:</b>
<b>JUST CHECKING</b>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Have strategies to use when encountering new words</li> <li>2. <b>Connect new knowledge to make meaning</b></li> <li>3. Think ahead to what might be coming.</li> <li>4. <b>Continually evaluate own understanding.</b></li> <li>5. Create images of what is being read.</li> <li>6. Periodically summarize what is read.</li> <li>7. Use textual cues, visuals, and organization.</li> <li>8. Have a plan for how to approach the task.</li> </ol>

### How to Use:

- Identify the concept to be explored
- Identify the items or choices to be compared
- Identify the characteristics on which to focus your exploration of each item or choice.
- Note similarities and differences in the comparisons.
- Identify key similarities and differences between the items compared.

### Tips/Variations

- This tool is excellent for developing students' higher-order thinking about a specific concept.
- If several concepts or items are being studied, assign individuals or small groups different sets of items to study, and then have students share results with the whole class.
- Establish the characteristics for comparison through class discussion or by selecting the characteristics you want students to explore.

## Just Checking

Topic \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Characteristics</b>	<b>Concepts/Choices</b>		
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;">Select characteristics for which you will collect data.</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">Select the items for which you will compare characteristics.</div>		
		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;">Really focus on key info that provides you with new learning.</div>	

Key Similarities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Identify important ideas you noted by completing the chart

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Key Differences: \_\_\_\_\_

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Topic Rocks

<b>Characteristics</b>	<b>Concepts/Choices</b>		
	<i>Igneous</i>	<i>Sedimentary</i>	<i>Metamorphic</i>
Significance of name	“Fire” Latin-ignis	Made up of material called sediments deposited by force	“change form” Greek
Formation	Solidification of hot magma from volcano	Cementing of deposits over time – impacted by gravity, water, wind	Intense heat and pressure deep inside the earth
Things to look for			
Special Types			
Locations			
Mineral content			
Examples			

Key Similarities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Key Differences: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Topic** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Characteristics</b>	<b>Concepts/Choices</b>		

**Key Similarities:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Key Differences:** \_\_\_\_\_

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