

Name _____ **Juxtaposition**



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Juxtaposition means intentionally placing two things next to or near each other in order to show their similarities and their differences. In literature, writers use the juxtaposition of objects, characters, ideas, etc. to create deliberate differences which will provoke thought in the reader. Reasons to uses juxtaposition include:

- To develop a character by contrasting their traits with those of another character
- To emphasize nuances of a trait or concept that a reader might not otherwise notice
- To link seemingly unrelated ideas
- For humor or to create absurdity
- To indicate that one element or idea is better than the other

DIRECTIONS: Read the assigned text and identify at least one example of juxtaposition. Explain why you think the author chose to create the juxtaposition.

What is being juxtaposed?

Explain the effect of the juxtaposition.
