

# Juxtaposition vs. Foil

## Juxtaposition

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.

## Foil

A special kind of juxtaposition. In literature, a foil is a character that can be contrasted to the protagonist. A foil can be very similar to the protagonist or very different. Sometimes a foil character can be used to show how the protagonist could have turned out had they made different decisions or been born into different conditions.

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**DIRECTIONS:** Sort these examples into the correct columns above.

- Hogwarts and the muggle world
- Harry and Draco Malfoy
- Harry and Voldemort
- The Weasleys and the Dursleys

