

COMPARE AND CONTRAST: THE HOLLY AND THE ELM

INSTRUCTIONS

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

The Holly and the Elm

The American holly tree and the American elm tree are both common trees. You can find them in many places. They grow as far south as Texas. They grow as far north as Massachusetts. The American elm is even more common than the American holly tree. The elm usually lives in the middle of the United States. That is far from the coast. The holly lives only close to the coast.

Both trees are beautiful. Elm trees are taller, though. They can grow up to 100 feet tall. Holly trees grow up to 70 feet tall.

Elm and holly trees both have green leaves, but in the fall, elm leaves change. They turn yellow. Then they fall off. That does not happen to the holly. Its leaves stay the same all year. Holly leaves are very sharp.



Holly leaf

Elm leaf

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1. What is one way that the American elm tree and the American holly tree are alike?
The air is always very hot
 - a. They both have sharp leaves.
 - b. They both have green leaves.
 - c. They both can grow to 100 feet tall.
 - d. The leaves of both fall off in the fall.

2. What is one way that the American elm tree and the American holly tree are different?
 - a. The elm's leaves turn yellow.
 - b. The American holly tree is beautiful.
 - c. They are both common trees.
 - d. Neither tree lives in Nevada.

3. How are the locations of the American elm tree and the American holly tree alike? How are their locations different?

4. Look at the pictures of the leaves. Write one way that they are alike. Write one way that they are different.
