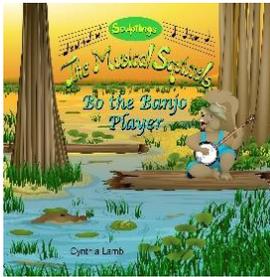


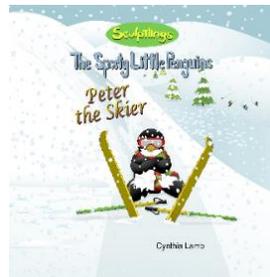
## Comparing Sculptling Books

### Bo the Banjo Player



and

### Peter the Skier



## Compare & Reflect Ideas With Sculptling Books

### Compare Books

Try comparing the story Bo the Banjo Player with other Sculptlings Books, such as Peter the Skier and compare the 2 messages.

Try comparing the characters and their lessons. How are they different? How are they the same?

**Example Comparison:** Bo thought going far away with his band would make him really happy. Pete thought showing off while skiing would make people like him more.

But in the end, they both learned something important: They were happiest just being themselves and having fun with their friends.

### Ideas for how to review these books with your Preschool kids.

- Discuss the characters similarities. (Example: They both wanted attention, fame and to feel important.
- Discuss the characters differences. (Example: Bo and Peter thought showing off would make them happy for different reasons:
  - ✓ Bo realized that he is happy performing with his friends without all the attention.
  - ✓ Peter realized that he doesn't have to be the best at something to make people like him.

### Discussion Questions for Advanced Readers (Ages 6–7)

Help older kids think more critically and connect the story to real-life situations:

- Encourage children to examine themes and character growth across books.
- Encourage empathy and self-reflection as children explore the characters' feelings.
- Use the story as a springboard to talk about emotions, jealousy, gratitude, and what makes us truly happy.

## Comparing Sculptling Books

### Bo the Banjo Player and Peter the Skier

#### Discussion Questions:

##### How Are Bo and Peter the Same?

- Both tried to do something for the wrong reason:
  - a. Bo wanted to travel and be famous.
  - b. Peter wanted to show off and be the best.
- Both were happier when they were just having fun with their friends.
- They learned that friends and fun are more important than showing off.

##### How Are Bo and Peter Different?

- Bo plays music. Peter skis in the snow.
- Bo becomes famous and misses home. Peter tries to show off and falls.
- Bo learns he was happiest at home with his band. Peter learns it's better to play for fun with friends.

##### What Kids Can Learn

- You don't have to be the best to have fun.
- Being famous or winning isn't what makes us happy.
- Friends, fun, and being yourself are what really matter!

##### What did both characters hope to gain by performing or showing off?

- They both wanted attention.
- They both wanted fame.
- They both wanted to feel important.

##### What helped them understand what truly makes them happy?

- Bo and the band become famous, but they start to miss their quiet, happy home. They decide to go back and realized they were happier playing for fun with their friends.
- Peter feels embarrassed and thinks his friends won't like him anymore. But his friends just want to have fun, not compete.



## Comparing Sculptling Books

### Discussion Questions:

**Were they happier when others admired them, or when they were with their friends being themselves?**

1. Bo learns that happiness comes from being where you feel good inside. (Not from being famous.)
2. Peter learns that playing with friends is about having fun. (Not being the best.)

**Discuss the reason behind why we do things.**

(Discussion Example: There is a reason for wanting to learn to be good at something but you don't have to be the best to have fun.)

**Discuss disappointments and how to handle them.**

(Discussion Example: When we have high hopes, we can be let down. But we don't have to be sad about it. We can learn a lesson from it.

- In both stories, the lesson they learned from their disappointments is: Being famous or winning isn't what makes us happy. Having friends, fun, and being yourself are what really matter!



# Comparing Sculpting Books

## Bo the Banjo Player and Peter the Skier

### Questions for Discussions:

**What lesson do both Bo and Peter learn in their stories?**

- A. That being the best is the most important thing.
- B. That having fun and enjoying time with friends is what matters most.
- C. That traveling far from home is always better.
- D. That making new friends is not important.

**Correct Answer: B.** That having fun and enjoying time with friends is what matters most

**Explanation (Optional for Discussion Time):**

- **Bo** and his band thought becoming famous would make them happiest, but they missed the fun they had playing at home with friends.
- **Peter** thought showing off was important, but he realized that having fun and supporting each other is better than trying to be the best.

**Question:**

**How are Bo and Peter similar, and how are they different?**

- A. Both Bo and Peter were always happy, and neither of them liked having friends.
- B. Bo liked being famous, and Peter liked to ski alone.
- C. Both Bo and Peter learned that fun with friends is more important than showing off, but Bo played music, and Peter liked skiing.
- D. Bo learned to ski with his band, and Peter started playing music instead of skiing.

**Correct Answer: C.** Both Bo and Peter learned that fun with friends is more important than showing off, but Bo played music, and Peter liked skiing.

**Quick Breakdown:**

**Similarity:** Both stories show that *fun with friends* is better than *trying to impress others*.

**Difference:** Is in their interests. Bo's story is about *playing music*, and Peter's is about *skiing*.



# Comparing Sculpting Books

## Bo the Banjo Player and Peter the Skier

### Similarities Between Bo and Peter's Stories:

#### How are the stories Similar?

1. They both start off doing something they love. What is it that they love to do?

Bo: \_\_\_\_\_

Peter: \_\_\_\_\_

2. They both want to show off or do something big. How do they show off?

Bo: \_\_\_\_\_

Peter: \_\_\_\_\_

3. They both face a problem. What problems do they face?

Bo: \_\_\_\_\_

Peter: \_\_\_\_\_

4. They both learn a lesson about what really matters. Give examples of what really matters to them?

Bo: \_\_\_\_\_

Peter: \_\_\_\_\_



# Comparing Sculpting Books

## Bo the Banjo Player and Peter the Skier

### Similarities Between Bo and Peter's Stories:

#### How are the stories Similar?

5. They both feel happier after learning their lesson. What lesson did they each learn?

Bo: \_\_\_\_\_

Peter: \_\_\_\_\_

6. How are having friends important in both stories?

Bo: \_\_\_\_\_

Peter: \_\_\_\_\_

7. They both change how they think. How do they change?

Bo: \_\_\_\_\_

Peter: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Both stories end with a happy feeling.

Bo: \_\_\_\_\_

Peter: \_\_\_\_\_



# Comparing Sculpting Books Answer Key

## Bo the Banjo Player and Peter the Skier

### Similarities Between Bo and Peter's Stories:

**How are the stories Similar Examples:** (Answers may vary. But these are good points)

- 1. They both start off doing something they love.**
  - Bo loves playing music.
  - Peter loves skiing.
- 2. They both want to show off or do something big.**
  - Bo and his band become famous and travel to play music.
  - Peter wants to show off his skiing in front of his friends.
- 3. They both face a problem.**
  - Bo and his band get tired and miss home.
  - Peter falls, feels embarrassed, and thinks his friends won't like him.
- 4. They both learn a lesson about what really matters.**
  - Bo learns that playing music at home with friends is more fun than fame.
  - Peter learns that it's more fun to ski with friends than to brag or be the best.
- 5. They both feel happier after learning their lesson.**
  - Bo is happy to be back home with his band.
  - Peter is happy skiing with his friends without worrying about being perfect.
- 6. Friends are important in both stories.**
  - Bo invites his friends to play in his band.
  - Peter's friends cheer him up and remind him to have fun.
- 7. They both change how they think.**
  - Bo realizes success isn't everything.
  - Peter realizes it's okay to make mistakes.
- 8. Both stories end with a happy feeling.**
  - Bo and his band are glad to be home.
  - Peter laughs and has fun with his friends again.



# Comparing Sculpting Books

## Bo the Banjo Player and Peter the Skier

### Differences Between Bo and Peter's Stories

#### How are the stories Different Examples:

#### 1. What they enjoy doing: List what they liked to do.

Bo: \_\_\_\_\_

Peter: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. Where did each story take place? Explain the differences. Was it cold or hot?

Bo: \_\_\_\_\_

Peter: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. What does each character have a problem with:

Bo: \_\_\_\_\_

Peter: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4. What they wanted at first was different. What did they want or was trying to do?

Bo: \_\_\_\_\_

Peter: \_\_\_\_\_



# Comparing Sculpting Books

## Bo the Banjo Player and Peter the Skier

### Differences Between Bo and Peter's Stories

#### How are the stories Different Examples:

#### 5. What made them feel bad?

Why did Bo feel bad while traveling?

Bo: \_\_\_\_\_

What happened to Peter for him to feel bad?

Peter: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 6. How did they solve their problem?

Bo: \_\_\_\_\_

Peter: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 7. What type of lesson did they learn?

Bo: \_\_\_\_\_

Peter: \_\_\_\_\_



# Comparing Sculpting Books Answer Key

## Bo the Banjo Player and Peter the Skier

### Differences Between Bo and Peter's Stories

**How are the stories Different Examples:** (Answers may vary. But these are good points)

- 1. What they enjoy doing:**
  - Bo loves playing music and making instruments.
  - Peter loves skiing and being in the snow.
- 2. Where the stories take place:** Explain the differences. Was it cold or hot?
  - Bo's story takes place in the swampland and then on the road while traveling.
  - Peter's story happens in a snowy mountain area.
- 3. What does each character have a problem with:**
  - Bo's problem is with being too popular and missing home.
  - Peter's problem is with falling down and trying to impress his friends.
- 4. What they wanted at first was different.** What did they want or was trying to do?
  - Bo wanted to just have fun playing, but then got excited about traveling and performing.
  - Peter wanted to show off and be the fastest skier.
- 5. What made them feel bad:** (Why did Bo feel bad while traveling?) (What happened to Peter for him to feel bad?)
  - Bo felt bad because traveling made him tired, and he missed the joy of playing at home.
  - Peter felt bad because he tripped and was embarrassed in front of his friends.
- 6. How did they solve their problem:**
  - Bo chose to go back home and play for fun again.
  - Peter chose to laugh at himself and keep skiing with his friends.
- 7. What type of lesson did they learn?**
  - Bo learned that home and simple fun with friends made him the happiest.
  - Peter learned that it's not about being the best, it's about having fun together.