

The Valentine's Dance



Ana's Story:

Oh my goodness, I can't believe it's here! The Valentine's Dance is going to be so much fun. I've had my fluffy purple dress ready for two whole weeks and all of us girls have been practicing our moves! We've all been on our best behavior to get this opportunity. When Ms. Henderson taught math all week, there wasn't a single noise and she was stunned!

The other day, I saw Adam in the hallway and all the girls wanted me to ask him to be my date for the dance. They pushed me towards him and I flinched, then they all started laughing at me.

Our dance will be just like the ones my sister has in middle school! This is going to be the most legendary day of 4th grade!



Adam's Story:

Good grief, this Valentine's Dance is here again! All the girls have been so excited, dancing around the playground and making gross kiss faces at us boys. I don't know what they're excited for anyway, I would never actually dance with a girl. In fact, all the guys in our class have made a pact not to do any dancing this Friday!

The teachers will probably try to persuade us to dance, but we won't budge! I don't know why they're expecting us to hang out with those silly girls anyway.

The other day when I was walking down the hall, I saw Ana and her friends snickering as I passed them. I'm sure they were giving me some kind of insult, so I just turned away and headed straight to the door!

Mom's already picked out a stupid collared shirt and a dorky tie for me to wear. This is going to be the WORST day of my life.

1. Reread the text and highlight any evidence to how each character feels about the dance.

2. How are the two stories similar?

3. How are these two stories different?

4. Use this chart to examine shared experiences between the characters in the stories.

Character	Experience	Emotion	Evidence
Ana			
Adam			
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Adam			

