"Owen & Mzee"

**Vocabulary**

1. bond  close relationship
2. suffered  felt pain
3. intruder  someone who does not belong
4. companion  person to spend time with
5. enclosure  fenced-in area
6. inseparable  very close
7. charged  ran toward
8. chief  most important
9. exhausted  tired
10. affection  fondness

**Story Skill: Compare and Contrast**

**Compare**: Find way that 2 or more things are similar.

**Contrast**: Find ways that 2 or more things are different.

*Think about similarities and differences.*
Comparing and contrasting helps identify connections between characters and events.

**Decoding Skill: VCCV Pattern**

First, remove the affix (prefix or suffix). Then, determine the syllable pattern of VCCV or VCV. Divide the word into syllables before or after the word part.

**Comprehension Questions**

1. Why did Owen come to live at Haller Park?
2. According to Dr. Paula, how would hippos treat Owen different from other hippos?
3. How is Owen’s enclosure at Haller Park like a hippo’s natural habitat?
4. What happened to Owen and Mzee before they came to Haller Park?
5. What happened when Mzee first met Owen?
6. How does Mzee change in the story?
7. Give an opinion from the story?