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Answers may vary and can include actual quotes or student paraphrasing.

Comparing Characters: Haunted Hotel

Directions: Read the text below and think about Alex's and Sara's character traits.

My friends and I were all a little afraid of the hotel on the corner. It's painted grey with plants almost as tall as the hotel. The grass is so tall we could not see the stairs. No one's stayed there for years—at least that's what I think. Some of the older kids say a monster lives in the attic. Other people say it's a ghost with a scary presence. Like they know it's there, even if they can't see it. The scary presence is why no travelers would pay to stay a night at the hotel.

One day, Sara and I were playing hockey in the street. Sara hit the puck, and off it went across the street.

"Oh no!" I thought. The puck was heading towards the scary hotel. Sara just stared at the hotel, her features frozen and her mouth open. "Well," I gulped, "Let's go get it."

We hopped the fence into the yard. I stayed near the fence, afraid to get too close to the house. I had a recent cut reopen, and a little blood started to ooze out.

"Alex, we're never going to find it," said Sara.

"It was my last puck! We have to get it, but I don't claim it will be easy," I said. I knew the puck could be anywhere in the yard. We searched and searched the grass, but we couldn't find it. I was tired of looking for it, but I would go home exhausted if I had to. I was determined to make sure a silly claim about a dark presence in the hotel wouldn't scare me away.

"There it is," Sara yelled. She pointed right to the hotel lobby. It was at the entrance of the hotel. However, I didn't want to go get it.

How does the story end?

Directions: Reread the text above and complete the Venn diagram.

→ What do they say and do that are similar?

→ What do they say and do that are different?

