



# Picture Day

**DIRECTIONS:** Fill in the chart to compare and contrast the characters in the story.

It was school picture day. Jillian took several hours to get ready. She curled her hair, and put on just enough makeup that her mother wouldn't notice and make her go back upstairs and wash her face. She put on a brand new pink top that she had bought especially for picture day. She wore long, dangly earrings. She spent so much time getting ready for her picture that she missed the bus, and her mother had to drive her to school. All the way there Jillian practiced her smile in a compact mirror. This year her picture was going to be great!

When she got to school, she met her friend Anna at her locker. Anna's hair was pulled back in a messy ponytail, and she had on jeans and tennis shoes and a plaid, flannel shirt that was buttoned up crooked. Jillian looked at her in shock. "What are you doing?" she demanded. "Why do you look like that?" Anna grinned at her. "I've been up since four," she told Jillian. "Pippi had her puppies this morning!" Jillian's eyes grew wide. "She did? Congratulations!" Anna had been counting down the days until the puppies arrived. "I didn't want to come to school," she told Jillian, "but Mom made me." "It's a good thing," Jillian said. "You don't want to miss picture day!" Anna looked surprised. "Is it picture day?" she said. "I forgot all about it. It's just 'puppy day' to me!"

	JILLIAN	ANNA
Appearance		
Interest in Picture Day		