

COMPARE AND CONTRAST Key Words

Key words commonly used to express comparison include:

Like, similar, as,

Same, in the same way, too,

Both, have in common,

the same as, similarly, as well as,

Key words commonly used to express contrast include:

Although, yet, whereas,

However, but, while,

Differ, instead, unless,

Unlike, on the contrary, contrary to,

even though, on the other hand, the reverse,

Note: When you compare one subject to another, you show how the two are alike, or similar.

Example: The dog, like the cat, is a household pet.

When you contrast two subjects, you show how they are different. *Example: The dog, unlike the cat, is dependent on its master.*

Sometimes, both comparison and contrast are used in the same sentence. *Example: Both the dog and the cat make good household pets, but a dog requires more attention than a cat.*

Sample Language frames for Comparison and Contrast

<p>Comparison</p> <p>Commonly used transitions: Likewise, Similarly, Along the same lines, In the same way,</p>	<p>1. _____ and _____ both show _____</p> <p>2. _____ and _____ are alike in that they both _____.</p> <p>3. _____ and _____ all show _____.</p> <p>4. Likewise, both are _____</p> <p>5. Similarly, _____ and _____ are _____</p> <p>6. In the same way, _____ and _____ are _____.</p>
<p>Contrast</p> <p>Commonly used transitions: Although, but, by contrast, Conversely, Despite the fact,</p>	<p>1. _____ is _____, while _____ is _____.</p> <p>2. _____ is _____, but _____ is _____</p>

<p>even though, however, in contrast, Nevertheless, Nonetheless, On the contrary, On the other hand, regardless, Whereas, While, yet</p>	<p>3. _____ and _____ are different in that _____.</p> <p>4. While _____ shows _____, _____ shows _____.</p> <p>5. _____ is _____, on the other hand _____ is _____.</p> <p>6. _____, yet _____.</p> <p>7. Although _____, _____</p>
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Practice:

Comparison

Both the excerpt and the movie clip show young people of African-American origin.

The two documents are alike in that they both deal with cultural mixing.

The common theme is developed along the same lines with the protagonists having to face up to their respective community's prejudice.

Likewise, both scenes are centered around the difficulty of crossing the color bar when dating.

Similarly, neither Jane nor Jordan should go out with a person from a different cultural background.

In the same way, Calogero's friends and Solomon, Jordan's friend, are equally surprised.

Contrast

The setting of the movie clip is The Bronx, while the passage from the novel is set in the South.

Contrary to Calogero, Jordan is originally from the South.

Unlike Jordan, who is African-American, Calogero is an Italian-American.

Despite their differences, Jane and Calogero don't break up and manage to hang together. On the other hand, J'nette is now history for Jordan, after the two lovers split.

