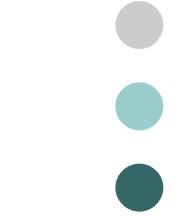


Comparison and Contrast



Writing sentences to paragraph

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Showing similarities and differences

- ❖ Comparison-contrast essays show the similarities and differences between two subjects.
- ❖ In a compare and contrast paragraph, you write about the similarities and differences between two or more people, places, things, or ideas.
- ❖ The information appears in a point-by-point pattern.

Example



Both the blue whale and whale shark are gentle giants, otherwise they are quite different.

The blue whale is an air-breathing mammal, while the whale shark is a water-breathing fish. Blue whales use song to communicate. Whale sharks, on the other hand, are solitary and silent. However, both of these gentle giants deserve protection from hunters.

SIMILARITY

DIFFERENCE



Some other helper words

Similarities

- is similar to
- both
- also
- too
- as well

Differences

- on the other hand
- however
- but
- in contrast
- differs from
- while
- unlike



Application (1)

- **is similar to**
Spring weather in Vancouver **is similar to** spring weather in Halifax.
- **both**
Both Vancouver and Halifax have rain in the spring.
- **also**
Halifax **also** has a rainy spring season.
- **too**
Halifax has a rainy spring season, **too**.
- **as well**
As well, Halifax has rainy spring season.



Application (2)

- **on the other hand**
On the other hand, winter is much colder in Halifax.
- **However**
However, winter is much colder in Halifax.
- **but**
Vancouver has a mild winter, **but** Halifax has a cold one.
- **in contrast to**
In contrast to Vancouver, Halifax has a cold winter.
- **differs from**
Halifax **differs from** Vancouver by having a cold winter.
- **while**
While Vancouver has a mild winter, Halifax has a cold winter.



Other expressions (Similarity)

Short Conjunctions

- Similarly
- Likewise
- ...the same...
- ...the same as...
- ...also...
- ..., too
- both

Longer Expressions

- In the same way, X is similar to Y in that (they)...
- X and Y are similar in that (they)...
- Like X, Y [verb]...
- In like manner,
- One way in which X is similar to Y is (that)...
- Another way in which X is similar to Y is (that)...



Other expressions (Difference)

Short Conjunctions

- However,
- In contrast,
- By contrast,
- ..., but ...
- ..., yet ...

Subordinating Conjunctions

- On the other hand,
- even though + [sentence]
- although + [sentence]
- whereas + [sentence]
- unlike + [sentence]
- while + [sentence]
- nevertheless,



Application in paragraph (1)

My hometown and my college town have several things in common. First, **both** are small rural communities. For example, my hometown, Gridlock, has a population of only about 10,000 people. **Similarly**, my college town, Subnormal, consists of about 11,000 local residents. This population swells to 15,000 people when the college students are attending classes. **A second way in which these two towns are similar** is that they are **both** located in rural areas. Gridlock is surrounded by many acres of farmland which is devoted mainly to growing corn and soybeans. **In the same way**, Subnormal lies in the center of farmland which is used to raise hogs and cattle. Thirdly, **these towns are similar in that** they contain college campuses. Gridlock, for example, is home to Neutron College, which is famous for its Agricultural Economics program as well as for its annual Corn-Watching Festival. **Likewise**, the town of Subnormal boasts the beautiful campus of Quark College, which is well known for its Agricultural Engineering department and also for its yearly Hog-Calling Contest.



Application in paragraph (2)

Even though Arizona and Rhode Island are both states of the U.S., they are strikingly **different** in many ways. For example, the physical size of each state **is different**. Arizona is large, having an area of 114,000 square miles, **whereas** Rhode Island is only about a tenth the size, having an area of only 1,214 square miles. **Another difference** is in the size of the population of each state. Arizona has about four million people living in it, **but** Rhode Island has less than one million. The two states **also differ** in the kinds of natural environments that each has. For example, Arizona is a very dry state, consisting of large desert areas that do not receive much rainfall every year. **However**, Rhode Island is located in a temperate zone and receives an average of 44 inches of rain per year. In addition, **while** Arizona is a landlocked state and thus has no seashore, Rhode Island lies on the Atlantic Ocean and does have a significant coastline.

Drafting



Venn Diagram

Blue Whale

Whale Shark

- 1. mammal
- 2. 100 ft. long
- 3. 150 tons
- 4. migrates
- 5. sings

- 1. huge
- 2. eats tiny animals
- 3. gentle

- 1. fish
- 2. 50 ft. long
- 3. 10 tons
- 4. tropical
- 5. silent

Differences

Similarities

Differences

Exercise

- City life like person fold
face village life like silent
person smile face
- City life often make severe
hurt village give lot peace
even cure hurt
- City life like harm wild tiger
sharp paw ready catch
village like tiny cat fun eye
- City dirty full pollution
village pure beautiful
- City always refuse poor
make rich more boast
village always accept both
poor rich make they love
each other
- City have false voice village
always have tune voice
- City will make fail enemy
success friend village make
both fail success he close
friend
- City high house surround
high wall fence village small
hut surround grass middle
rice field
- City will lead wrong direction
village will lead right one
- City always make the citizen
full sorrow village always
make villager peace happy