



Compare | Contrast

To compare means to look for things that are the same. To contrast means to look for things that are different. Writers use transition words to make writing easier to follow, and one kind of transition indicates that the writer is comparing or contrasting things. This organizational pattern emphasizes the similarities or differences between two or more items. The focus can be on just similarities, just differences, or both. Below are some examples of comparison and contrast transition words.

Comparison Transition Words

likewise	resembles	as well as	just as	correspondingly
in comparison	is similar	like	to compare	in the same way

Contrast Transition Words

in contrast	on the contrary	although	even though
on the other hand	as opposed to	whereas	instead
different	differs from	in spite of	however

1. Read the assigned text. Does it compare, contrast, or both?

2. Write down the transition words that you found while reading. Indicate whether each word signals comparison or contrast.

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