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.
Both the blue whale and whale shark are gentle giants, but 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.
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
Spring weather in Vancouver is similar to spring weather in Halifax. Both Vancouver and Halifax have rain in the spring. Halifax also has a rainy spring season. As well, Halifax has rainy spring season.
on the other hand, winter is much colder in Halifax.

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)

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

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

Differences

Similarities
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