

COMPARE AND CONTRAST

Key Words

Key words commonly used to express comparison include:

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| like | similar | as |
| same | in the same way | too |
| both | most important | have in common |
| the same as | similarly | as well as |

Key words commonly used to express contrast include:

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| 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.