

Compare and Contrast

Key Transitional Words

Key words commonly used in a comparison include:

like	similar	as
same	in the same way	too
both	most importantly	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

In case you forget...

- **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.