

COMPARE AND CONTRAST

Purpose: to describe what is similar and/or different about two or more subjects.

Signal Words and Phrases

alike	but	in comparison	same as
also	compared to	in contrast	similar to
although	despite	instead of	similarity
as	different from	just	too
as opposed to	either – or	on the contrary	unlike
as well as	however	on the other hand	yet
both	in common	opposite	

Comprehension Question Frames

1. What subjects are being compared?
2. What is it about them that is being compared?
3. What characteristics of the subjects form the basis of the comparison?
4. What characteristics do they have in common? How are they alike?
5. In what ways are they different?

