

COMPARE AND CONTRAST

Key Words

Key words commonly used to express comparison include:

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:

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.