

COMPARE & CONTRAST

Designed for English Language Learners



A Walk IN THE Chalk

Listening Reading Speaking Writing

LISTENING

YOU TUBE



An introduction to compare and contrast, as well as a Venn diagram and key words.



An introductory lesson that includes a Venn diagram, signal words and a practice passage.



This video shows many differences between life today with long ago.

READ WORKS



Scaly or Slimy?

Life Science

2nd 600L 207 Words Nonfiction

A reptile is an animal that has hard, dry have clawed feet and walk on four legs



Wampanoag Life

U.S. History, Appreciating Diversity

2nd 450L 238 Words Nonfiction

the land. **Compare** the Wampanoag way



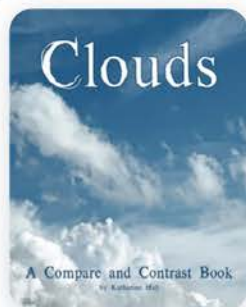
The Olympics: Then and Now

World History, Sports, Health & Safety

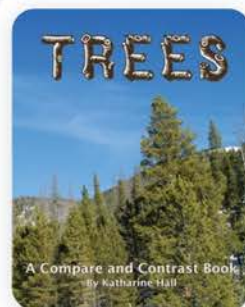
3rd 630L 134 Words Nonfiction 1

a long way since then. Take a look at how were

EPIC BOOKS



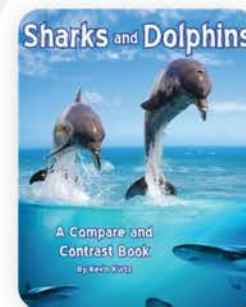
Clouds: A Compare and Contrast Book



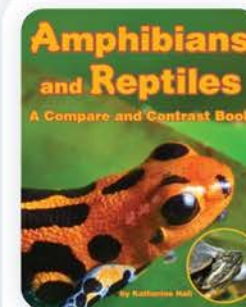
Trees: A Compare and Contrast Book



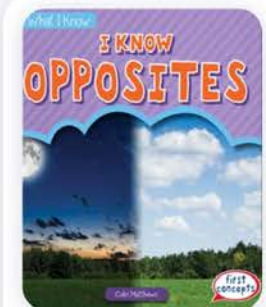
Mammals: A Compare and Contrast Book



Sharks and Dolphins: A Compare and Contrast Book



Amphibians and Reptiles: A Compare and Contrast Book



I Know Opposites

links to Videos, books & articles

– suggested activities included –

SPEAKING

COMPARE & CONTRAST SPEAKING MATS

BUILDING ORAL LANGUAGE SKILLS

Level 1 is for ELP level 1-2 students.

Level 2 is for ELP level 2-3 students.

LEVEL 1

LET'S TALK! 1
Compare

1- How is/are _____ and _____ similar?

2- THEY ALSO CAN/HAVE/ARE _____.

3- What category can both fit in?

Contrast

1- How are _____ and _____ different?

2- BUT _____ CAN/HAVE/ARE _____.

3- Use a comparative adjective to describe a difference.

LEVEL 2

LET'S TALK! 2
Compare

1- How is/are _____ and _____ similar?

2- SOMETHING ELSE THEY HAVE IN COMMON IS, THEY BOTH... _____.

3- I'D CATEGORIZE THEM BOTH AS... _____.

Contrast

1- How are _____ and _____ different?

2- ONE WAY _____ AND _____ IS/ARE DIFFERENT IS... _____.

3- _____ IS/ARE _____ THAN _____.

DIFFERENTIATED QUESTIONS



LET'S TALK! 2
Compare

1- How is/are _____ and _____ similar?

2- SOMETHING ELSE THEY HAVE IN COMMON IS, THEY BOTH... _____.

3- Which category could both of these things be a part of?

Contrast

1- How are _____ and _____ different?

2- _____ CAN/HAVE/ARE _____, WHEREAS _____ CAN/HAVE/ARE _____.

3- Use comparative adjectives to describe other differences.

LET'S TALK! 2

Compare

1- How is/are _____ and _____ similar?

2- SOMETHING ELSE THEY HAVE IN COMMON IS, THEY BOTH... _____.

3- I'D CATEGORIZE THEM BOTH AS... _____.

Contrast

1- How are _____ and _____ different?

2- ONE WAY _____ AND _____ IS/ARE DIFFERENT IS... _____.

3- _____ IS/ARE _____ THAN _____.

COMPARATIVE ADJECTIVE (E.G. SMALLER, LARGER, FASTER, SLOWER)

16 photo pairs

READING

Butterflies and Bees

1

Compare: to tell how things are alike.

Contrast: to tell how things are different.

Read the text, then compare and contrast by marking the text.

Butterflies and bees are similar in many ways. Both insects start life as an egg and change a lot before becoming an adult. Butterflies and bees also drink nectar using long tongues, and both have two pairs of wings.

Key Words	
compare	contrast
alike both similar like also	different but unlike however although

Text Marks

Box in or highlight, key words.

Circle two ways they are similar.

Underline two ways they are different.



Flying Squirrels and Gray Squirrels

Read the text, then compare and contrast by marking the text.

Flying squirrels and gray squirrels have many things in common. Both have gray-brown fur, bushy tails and sharp teeth. They also like to eat the same foods, such as nuts, seeds, and fruits. They are excellent at climbing trees and jumping from branch to branch. Like the gray squirrel, flying squirrels also live in wooded areas and forests, and build nests in trees. They can each be found working hard in the fall, storing food for winter.

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Text Marks

Box in or highlight, key words.

Circle two ways they are similar.

Underline two ways they are different.

One way that bees and butterflies are different is that bees have big, colorful wings and short antennae. Butterflies have small wings and long antennae. Both bees and butterflies collect pollen from flowers. Bees collect pollen in their fuzzy bodies. Butterflies collect pollen on their fuzzy bodies. Both bees and butterflies live in hives called colonies. Bees live in hives called hives. Butterflies live in places called colonies. Both bees and butterflies are important for pollinating flowers. Bees are important for pollinating flowers. Butterflies are important for pollinating flowers.

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Butterflies and Bees

Comprehension Questions:

1. What do bees and butterflies both have?
2. What do bees collect on their fuzzy bodies?
3. Where do bees live?
4. What stage do butterflies and bees start as in their life cycle?



Flying Squirrels and Gray Squirrels

4

Comprehension Questions:

1. What do flying squirrels and gray squirrels like to eat?
2. How do flying squirrels move from tree to tree?
3. Can gray squirrels glide through the air? Explain.
4. When are flying squirrels most active?
5. Where do both types of squirrels live?

Cloze Activity:

Flying squirrels and gray squirrels are alike in many ways. Both have gray-brown _____ and bushy _____. They are good at _____ trees and like to eat _____.



flying squirrel



gray squirrel

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Word Bank
 glide

Fennec Foxes and Red Foxes

3

Read the text, then compare and contrast by marking the text.

Fennec foxes and red foxes are both members of the fox family. Foxes are mammals, which means they are warm-blooded, have fur and give milk to their babies. They also have sharp teeth for eating and are good at hunting small **prey**, like mice.

One difference is where they live. Fennec foxes live in the hot deserts of Africa. They have large ears that help them hear well and stay cool. Red foxes, however, live in forests and grasslands in North America and Europe. They have smaller ears compared to fennec foxes. Although both have bushy tails, the red fox's tail is the bushiest

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Underline two ways they are different.

Word Bank

wings
hives
egg
nectar
grow
antennae
fuzzy
pollen

fennec
fox

Deserts and Rain Forests

Read the text, then compare and contrast by marking the text.

Deserts and rainforests are two very different types of **habitats**.
Deserts are dry and get very little rain. The land is often sandy or rocky, and there are few plants because water is so **scarce**. Deserts are usually hot during the day and can be cold at night. Rainforests, on the other hand, get a lot of rain and are very **humid**. The land in a rainforest is full of thick, green plants, and trees grow very tall. Unlike

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Fennec Foxes and Red Foxes

Comprehension Questions:

- What do fennec foxes and red foxes both have that shows they are mammals?
- Where do fennec foxes live?
- Where do red foxes live?
- How are the ears of fennec foxes different from the ears of red foxes?
- How does the color of a fennec fox help it survive in the desert?

Word Bank

deserts
warm-blooded
ears
teeth
orange
fur
forests

Deserts and Rain Forests

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Comprehension Questions:

- How much rain does the desert get?
- What is the land in the desert usually like?
- How is the climate in rainforests different from deserts?
- What animals might you find in a desert?
- How do rainforest animals use the trees?

Cloze Activity:

Deserts and rainforests are two very different _____. Deserts get very little _____ and have sandy or rocky _____. They are usually hot during the day and _____ at night. Animals in the desert can survive with little _____.

Rainforests have a hot and wet climate. They get a lot of rain and are usually very warm all day and at night. The land in rainforests is very _____ with very tall trees. Animals in the rainforest use the _____ to hide from _____.

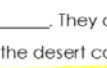


desert



rain forest

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Word Bank
 humid
 cold
 land
 little
 hot
 dry
 sandy
 rocky
 warm
 cool
 rain
 predict
 water

+ answer keys

6 passages With comprehension Activities

READING

comparative Adjectives

LESSON, BOOK & ACTIVITY for ELP Level 1 students

Which is Bigger? Which is Smaller?



The bird is bigger than the berries.



The baby elephant is smaller than its mother.



The boy is bigger than the dog.



The bee is smaller than the flower.



The truck is bigger than the girl.

The girl is bigger than a pumpkin.



The mouse is smaller than the cat.



WRITING

Graphic organizers

Describe each character, book, video or topic.
In the last box, explain how the two are similar?

#1	#2	Similarities

Name: _____

Complete the Venn diagram to show how these two items are similar and different.

COMPARE/CONTRAST

BOTH

Name: _____

COMPARE/CONTRAST

Complete the H-Chart to show how these two are similar and different.

	BOTH	

Compare and Contrast Writing

Topic Sentence

_____ and _____ are two _____ that have many similarities and differences.

Comparing Paragraph

One way they are similar is, they both _____

They both also _____

Contrasting Paragraph

One difference between _____ is _____

but _____

Another difference is _____, however _____

Closing Sentence

Even though these two _____

Name: _____

CONTRAST

Complete the T-Chart to show how these two are different.

Name: _____

Compare and Contrast Writing Plan

Category (ex: habitats, animals, people)	What are the two items being compared and contrasted?
Similarity #1	Similarity #2
Difference #1	Difference #2
Closing	

☐ I have a category and the two things being compared

☐ I have at least two similarities

☐ I have at least two differences

☐ I have a closing that restates the category and the two things being compared

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KEY WORD	INFORMATION	MEMORY CLUE (PICTURE)	Vocabulary

Sentence: _____

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Sentence: _____

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AND MORE

compare

to tell how things are **alike**

compare contrast sentence frames

_____ and _____ are similar because both _____.

Additionally, they both have...

One way _____ and _____ are different is _____.

_____ is/are _____, but _____ is/are _____.
_____ has/have _____, but _____ has/have _____.

contrast

to tell how things are **different**



books

computer



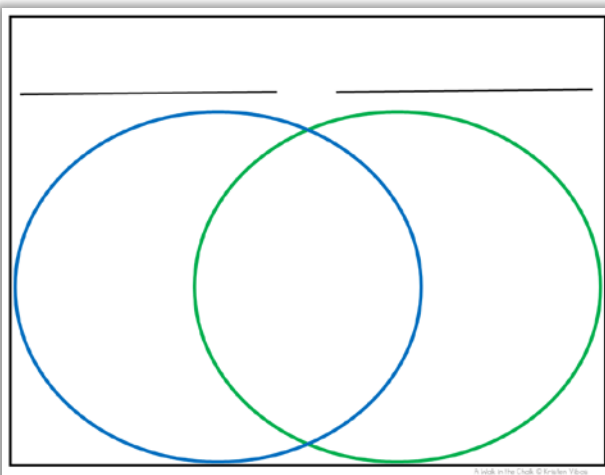
pond

ocean



grizzly bear

polar bear



Key Words - Compare

too

also

alike

both

similar

same as

just like

as well as

Key Words - Contrast

but

however

different

unlike

although

instead

on the other hand

whereas

