



Functional English

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WEEK # 13

**The Comparison and Contrast
Essay**

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- ▶ A **comparison** is the process of showing how things are alike
 - ▶ A **contrast** is the process of showing differences.
 - ▶ Generally in academic writing, “comparison” is used to refer to both comparison and contrast.

Note: *A comparison and contrast essay can be both informative and persuasive.*

PLANNING A COMPARISON AND CONTRAST ESSAY:

- ▶ Pick two ideas to be compared or contrasted.
- ▶ Analyze both the ideas in detail.
- ▶ Make an inventory of the similarities and the differences between them.
- ▶ The ideas for comparison and contrast should be fair without any biases.



ORGANIZATIONAL PATTERNS FOR A COMPARISON & CONTRAST ESSAY:

- ▶ Point-by-Point Arrangement
- ▶ Block Arrangement

(Outlines and Samples in PDF)

Outline of the Essay

INTRODUCTION:

- Motivator
- Thesis Statement with the preview of main ideas

MAIN BODY:

- ✓ Paragraph 1:
 - TS: Point / Issue 1
 - MPs: State Similarities & Differences
- ✓ Paragraph 2:
 - TS: Point / Issue 2

- MPs: State Similarities & Differences
- ✓ Paragraph 3:
 - TS: Point / Issue 3
 - MPs: State Similarities & Differences


CONCLUSION:

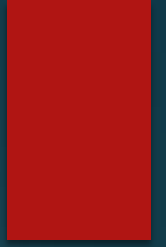
- Restate Thesis and summarize key ideas
- Refer to Motivator




PROJECT WORK: Part 2

Write a comparison and contrast essay on any one of the following. You can make it informative or argumentative.

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- ▶ What is easier: learning from books or learning from the internet?
 - ▶ British English vs. American English
 - ▶ Book vs. the movie version
 - ▶ Fiction vs. Nonfiction: What People Prefer and which Genre?
 - ▶ Employed and unemployed students: who takes the best of their life?
 - ▶ Introvert and extrovert: how are they different?
 - ▶ Traditional education or remote learning: which option is better and why?



- ▶ Living in poverty and being rich
- ▶ Coffee and tea: what are the effects on a human body?
- ▶ Living in a big city or a countryside
- ▶ Human interactions: face-to-face vs. online
- ▶ Exercising or dieting: which method is more effective?
- ▶ Childhood and adulthood
- ▶ Working in an office or being a freelancer

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- ▶ Testing on animals or testing on humans
 - ▶ Study abroad Vs. Studying in your country
 - ▶ Football Vs. Cricket: Which is better?
 - ▶ Childhood in the 1980s vs. childhood today
 - ▶ Video games vs. movies
 - ▶ Movies in the theater vs. movies at home
 - ▶ Flying for travel vs. road trip
 - ▶ Cars vs. public transportation

Follow all the steps:

- Brainstorming
- Outline (Use the given Format)
- Read and Revise the BS and outline
- Draft 1 of Essay
- Edit and Revise the Draft 1
- Final Draft of the Essay (Typed)

Note: Once done, use checklist given on p. 121

Thank you 😊

