

# **ENGLISH COMPOSITION & COMPREHENSION**

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# **Comparison & Contrast Essay**

# Definition

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- Comparison in writing discusses elements that are similar, while contrast in writing discusses elements that are different.
- A comparison-and-contrast essay may discuss only similarities, only differences, but more often it discusses both.

# Cont.

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- Have you at any point compare or contrast things by explicit highlights? You will require this expertise in both scholastic life and expert profession.

## Cont.

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- ◎ A comparison-and-contrast essay uses **factual details** to analyze the similarities and differences between two or more people, places, things, ideas, or events.
- ◎ **For example**, you might need to compare the cultures of two different societies within the same city. What common aspects would you consider and how would you classify them specifically. Needs research!

# Comparison Example

APPLE



VS

MANDARIN  
ORANGE



2.4 g

107 mg

5 mg

3.4 mg

4.6 mg

6 mg

54 IU

Fiber

Potassium

Magnesium

Choline

Vitamin C

Calcium

Vitamin A

1.8 g

166 mg

12 mg

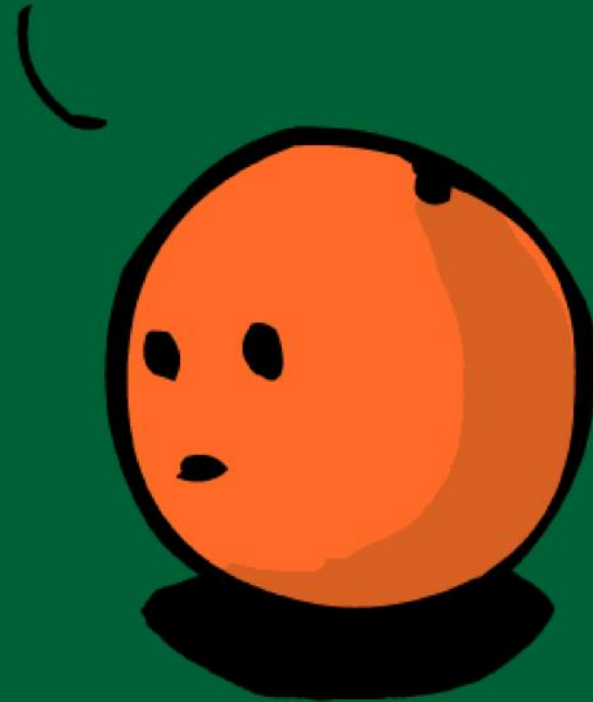
10.2 mg

26.7 mg

37 mg

681 IU

Well, we're both fruit.




# **Tips for writing Comparison & Contrast Essay**

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# How to Write a Compare and Contrast Essay

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- STEP 1** Choose your subjects
  - STEP 2** Research as much as possible to enlist all possible similarities or difference between the subjects
  - STEP 3** Form the thesis statement
  - STEP 4** Organize the body paragraphs and put it all together
  - STEP 5** End with a logical conclusion

# Transitional Words



## Connectors of Comparison

- |                      |                     |               |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| ✓ Similarly          | ✓ In similar way    | ✓ Same as     |
| ✓ Comparable         | ✓ In similar manner | ✓ Just like   |
| ✓ In the same way    | ✓ Resemble          | ✓ The same as |
| ✓ Likewise           | ✓ As                | ✓ As ... as   |
| ✓ As with            | ✓ Similar to        | ✓ Equal       |
| ✓ Equally            | ✓ In common         |               |
| ✓ Just as ... so too | ✓ As well as        |               |
| ✓ A similar x        | ✓ In comparison to  |               |
| ✓ Another x like...  | ✓ Also              |               |
| ✓ Just as            | ✓ By the same token |               |

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## Connectors of Contrast

- |                   |                  |                     |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| ✓ Whereas         | ✓ Nevertheless   | ✓ Nonetheless       |
| ✓ However         | ✓ In spite of    | ✓ On the other hand |
| ✓ Yet             | ✓ Because of     | ✓ Notwithstanding   |
| ✓ Despite         | ✓ Unlike         | ✓ Despite this      |
| ✓ Even so         | ✓ In contrast to | ✓ Apart from        |
| ✓ But             | ✓ While          | ✓ Otherwise         |
| ✓ Although        | ✓ Conversely     | ✓ Unlike            |
| ✓ Though          | ✓ Instead        |                     |
| ✓ Even tough      | ✓ Alternatively  |                     |
| ✓ On the contrary | ✓ By contrast    |                     |

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# Organizational Structures

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- ◉ Block Method (subject by subject)
- ◉ Point by Point
- ◉ Comparisons followed by Contrasts (or the reverse)
- ◉ *See example on page no. 190-192*

# ORGANIZATION

## Block Arrangement

Each paragraph talks about everything about one point

Include multiple details and points within each topic

Ex) All similarities in one paragraph, all differences in another OR a paragraph about Trout/Cabrera's value and one about play style

## Point-by-Point Arrangement

Each paragraph talks about one point

Each point is elaborated upon in the paragraph, whether it is a similarity or a difference

Ex) Trout and Cabrera's achievements / difference in their styles / similar in their approach

**Thank you!**

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