



Comparison & Contrast Essays

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Chapter 7: Comparison and Contrast Essays

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Pre-Discussion Activity



- Brainstorming:
 - Listing
 - Comparing
 - Contrasting
 - Categorizing
 - Structuring

Special Features

In a *comparison/ contrast* essay, you explain the *similarities* and *differences* between two items.

■ Possible topics

- Compare the forms of government of Great Britain and the United States.
- Compare and contrast methods for promoting a new business, product, or service.

Different Organizations

- Block Organization

- **A block:** can be one, two, three, or more paragraph
- **Transition paragraph:** to separate one major section from another major section.

- Point-by-Point Organization

Block Pattern 1

1. Introduction (Opening + TSS)

Par
2

Block 1 (Momoko)

2. Personalities

3. Achievements

5

Transition Paragraph

Block 1 (Regine)

4. Personalities

5. Achievements

6. Conclusion (CS + Closure)

Block Pattern 2

1. Introduction (Opening + TSS)

Par
2

Block 1

2. Similarity 1 (*Personalities*)

3. Similarity 1 (*Achievements*)

5

Transition Paragraph

Block 2

4. Difference 1 (*Fan groups*)

5. Difference 1 (*Public images*)

6. Conclusion (CS + Closure)

Point by Point Pattern

1. Introduction (Opening + TSS)

Par

2

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2. Point 1: Personalities
(Regine's/ Momoko's)

3. Point 2: Job natures
(Regine's/ Momoko's)

4. Point 3: Achievements
(Regine's/ Momoko's)

5. Conclusion (CS + Closure)

TSS for Comparison & Contrast



- Even though both Momoko and Regine share some similarities, they also have their own uniqueness.
- Despite the similarities, Momoko and Regine differ in three aspects: life values, interpersonal skills and public images.
- While Momoko and Regine receive very different public feedbacks, they are in fact very similar in personalities and achievements.

- The similarities between Momoko and Regine in their personalities and achievements have further highlighted their differences in popularities and public images.




Assignment

- Revise your Compare & Contrast draft.
- Complete your group task (transition signal practice).
- Review the content.

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