



Compare and Contrast

Comparing means to look for things that are the same.
 Contrasting means to look for things that are different. You can compare and contrast two things in the same piece of writing. Use transitional words to suggest whether something is being compared or contrasted. For example:

Transition Words for Comparison	Transition Words for Contrast
likewise, resembles, as well as, just as, correspondingly, in comparison, is similar, like, to compare, in the same way	in contrast, on the contrary, although, even though, on the other hand, as opposed to, whereas, instead, different, differs from, in spite of, however

1. Does the text you just read compare, contrast, or both?

2. How do you know? Write down the transition words that you found while reading. Indicate whether each word signals comparison or contrast.

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