

Describing/Comparing Data

When describing and comparing data that you are presenting as evidence, you must do more than just report numbers and conclusions. You must also describe the hypothesis of the author whose work you are presenting as evidence, the methods that they used, and the results that led them to the conclusions that you are reporting. The following are some templates to use for presenting this kind of evidence:

- X hypothesized _____. To test this they _____, and found that _____. this led to their conclusion that _____.
- The data reported by _____ after _____ suggests/implies/hints _____.
- X's results contradict/refute Y's conclusion that _____.
- What X found calls into question what was previously widely accepted, that _____.
- Although both X and Y claim _____, their findings really show that _____.
- X and Y's evidence, however, cannot be used to extrapolate that _____ because _____

DIRECTIONS: Choose one of the templates above. Write several sentences you can use in your essay that present data as evidence.

