

Compare & Contrast Transitions



Transitional words and phrases keep your ideas connected together, make your writing coherent, and help your reader understand the logic of your paper.

Below is a list of some transitional words you can use in a compare and contrast essay. Make sure you use them in the right place to convey the right meaning.

Note: When joining 2 independent clauses, you can either place *transitions* between a period and a comma or between a semi-colon and a comma as in the examples below.

Comparison

in the same way
in like manner

by the same token
likewise

similarly
in similar fashion

Examples:

Math was hard for me in high school. **Likewise**, it is hard in college.

Houseplants require much care and attention; **similarly**, outdoor plants must be cared for properly.

Rock climbing takes much practice and skill. **In the same way**, learning to write well requires a great deal of practice.

Contrast

yet
on the contrary
however

and yet
but
though

nevertheless
in contrast
unlike

nonetheless
notwithstanding
on the other hand

Examples:

- Kim and Tom have different tastes in music and food; **however**, they both like to dance.
- Kim and Tom have different tastes in music and food. **On the other hand**, they both like to dance.
- **Unlike** dogs, cats are lap animals.