

Assignment Sheet for Comparison and Contrast Paragraph

Assignment: Paragraphs may be developed by offering a comparison or stating a contrast.. a comparison shows how two things are alike: a contrast, how they are different. In both cases, facts incidents, concrete details may be used to point out the similarities or differences. At times a writer may even wish to use both comparison and contrast to develop a single idea.

Introduce the two subjects you will compare and contrast, and the categories they have in common. Then compare and contrast several characteristics of each subject. Use key words to connect your ideas. Conclude your paragraph by telling the reader what you believe is the most important way in which your subjects are alike or different.

Suggestions of topics to compare and contrast

- Summer and winter
- Youth and old age
- Two sports of your choice
- Men and women
- Two of your friends, parents, teachers

Transition words to use: accordingly, after, also, and, another, as a result, at first, at last, before long, but, finally, for example, for instance, for this reason, furthermore, however, on the other hand, similarly, therefore, when, yet

Evaluation Rubric

Rating scale: 1 = poor 2 = weak 3 = average 4 = good 5 = excellent

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| 1. The introduction identifies the two items being compared and the categories of comparison. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2. The paragraph begins with a general topic sentence and ends with a concluding sentence. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 3. Sufficient examples are given to support each category. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4. The conclusion restates and summarizes. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Subtotal _____ x 2 = _____

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| 1. Appropriate transitions are used to connect sentences and thoughts. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 2. Fragments, run-on sentences and spelling errors are avoided. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Subtotal _____ x 1 = _____

Total score = 50 points for completion + points from the Evaluation rubric

TOTAL SCORE _____ / 50 = _____