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Compare and Contrast

Focus

Writers compare and contrast to paint a clearer picture of the people and things they are writing about.

- To **compare** means to tell how things, events, or characters are similar, or alike. Some words that show comparison are *both, like, as, also, too,* and *neither . . . nor*.
- To **contrast** means to tell how things, events, or characters are different. Some words that show contrast are *different, instead of, but, rather than,* and *unlike*.

Practice

Read each sentence below. Look at the underlined word(s). Is it a clue word for comparison or for contrast? Label each sentence *compare* or *contrast*.

1. _____ Like dogs, cats need good care and attention.
2. _____ I like to stay in a tent rather than stay in a hotel room.
3. _____ My brother loves to go to the ocean, and I do, too.
4. _____ Both movies were funny and well-written.
5. _____ Maria wanted to see the play, but Laurie wanted to stay home.
6. _____ North Carolina's state bird is the cardinal, and Ohio's is also.
7. _____ Unlike roses, daisies do not grow on bushes.
8. _____ I will ride my bike instead of walking to the park.
9. _____ Neither dogs nor cats should eat chocolate.