

Comparison highlights the similarities between two or more similar objects. There is specific vocabulary which is used to express comparison and similarity:

### ***Comparison Structure Words and Phrases***

similarly,	likewise,	equally,	not only ... but also,
both ... and,	too,	and,	also,
the same as,	alike,	like,	just like,
just as,	comparable to		

London is the financial heart of Great Britain. **Similarly**, Istanbul is the center of banking and finance in Turkey.

A dog park has a fence where people and their dogs can play together. **Similarly**, a dog run is a small fenced area that is often located within an existing park.

The streets in Istanbul are **similar to** the ones in Athens.

New York and Tokyo are **similar to** each other in several aspects.

Athens and Istanbul are **similar in that** they are both densely populated.

There are some striking **similarities** between the two cities.

London is the cultural capital of Great Britain. **Likewise**, Istanbul is the center of music, culture and art in Turkey.

Istanbul and Athens are **equally** noisy.

**Not only** Tokyoites **but also** New Yorkers dress fashionably.

**Both** New York **and** Tokyo have many international restaurants.

The two cities have **both** positive **and** negative features.

**Both** PCs **and** Apple Macs can use Microsoft office.

London is the financial heart of Great Britain. Istanbul is an important center of banking and finance, **too**.

Tokyo is a center of fashion, and New York is, **too**.

Laser printers **and** inkjet printers require good quality paper to work well.

London is the financial heart of Great Britain. Istanbul is **also** an important center of banking and finance.

The subway system in New York is **the same as** the one in Tokyo.

Hand soap and liquid soap both work **in the same way**.

Olive oil works in **the same way as** some anti-inflammatory drugs.

The streets in Istanbul and Athens are **alike**.

**Like** Tokyo, New York is an important center of fashion.

**Like** a PC, a Mac is easy to use.

An LCD TV is **like** an LCD monitor.

My sister, **like** my cousin, wears glasses.

**Like** my cousin, my sister wears glasses.

My sister, **just like** my cousin, wears glasses.

**Just like** my cousin, my sister wears glasses.

Tokyo is densely populated and noisy **just like** New York.

Athens is densely populated and noisy **just as** Istanbul is.

Istanbul has traffic problems **just as** Athens **does**.

The new \$1000 Canon 5D is **comparable to** \$9000 professional video equipment in performance.

### ***Contrast Structure Words and Phrases***

but,	yet,	however,	although,
even though,	though,	unlike,	not like,
not the same as,	dissimilar,	different from,	in contrast (to),
contrary to,	compared to / with,	in comparison,	while,
whereas,	on the other hand		

Dogs eat a mix of raw and cooked food, **but** cats mostly eat raw food.

Tahiti is a common destination for “extreme” sport enthusiasts. **Yet**, Laos is actually a more suitable location.

Rock music is often very fast; **however**, folk music is usually very slow.

**Although** men are often considered better at “hard” science subjects like physics and mathematics, women often graduate with higher grade point averages.

**Although** Havana is a city which is popular with tourists, Rio is much more popular.

**Even though** men in China smoke a higher number of cigarettes, they have lower levels of cancer than European males.

**Though** the Pc and the Mac can both perform the same functions, the Mac is much faster.

Flash discs have no moving parts **unlike** hard drives.

**Unlike** cats, dogs are social or group animals.

Facilities provided in prison hospitals are **not like** those provided in regular hospitals.

Facilities provided in state universities are **not the same as** those provided in private universities.

Eastern and Western students are **dissimilar** in their expectations of university.

Istanbul is completely **different from** Berlin.

A laptop computer is **different from** a desktop computer because it is smaller and more compact.

Istanbul and Berlin are **different in terms of** population and location.

Istanbul and Berlin **differ in that** the former is a big city while the latter is small.

There is a big **difference** between the applicants in terms of experience.

**In contrast to** John, who is a liberal, Bill is a conservative.

Microsoft Office costs about £100 **in contrast to** Open Office which is free.

**Contrary to** popular belief, large dogs are less aggressive than small dogs.

London Heathrow airport is very busy **compared to / with** Berlin International.

A laser printer is cheap to run **compared to / with** an inkjet.

**In comparison with** other European countries, house prices in the UK are very high.

He was a loud friendly man. **In comparison**, his brother was rather shy.

Some people like to exercise indoors, **while / whereas** others prefer to exercise outdoors.

**While / Whereas** going on holiday to a beach resort offers many opportunities for relaxation and sport, a city break offers many cultural activities.

In Rugby most injuries are related to the neck; **on the other hand**, football injuries are most often related to the feet and legs.