

Compare and Contrast

Readers can understand new ideas by thinking about how things are alike or different. When you **compare**, you think about how things are alike or different. When you **contrast** you think only about how things are different.

While you are reading:

- Look for comparing words, such as *like* and *as*
- Look for contrasting words, such as *but* and *unlike*
- After reading 2 stories, think about how they are alike or different.

| <u>WORDS USED TO COMPARE & CONTRAST</u> | |
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| <u>COMPARE</u> | <u>CONTRAST</u> |
| same | differ |
| similar | different |
| similarly | difference |
| in the same way | however |
| the same as | but |
| both | like |
| like | although |
| in common | even though |
| as well | on the other hand |
| also | while |

