

Compare and Contrast

Start with how things are the same or similar.

The _____ and the _____ are similar because they both _____.
In addition, they _____.

Add more as needed.

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Explain how they are different. You can compare the same property or characteristic in the same sentence. Use *and*, *but*, or *whereas* to set up the contrast.

The _____ and the _____ are different because the _____, but the _____. Also, the _____, whereas _____.

Add more as needed.

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Remember to ask yourself, Will it be clear to another scientist what I mean when I use pronouns such as *they* and *it*? If not, how can I edit the sentence to make it clearer?

(This is a slightly revised version of a writing frame featured in *Writing in Science*.)