

THINKING ON MY OWN

Video: Reptile Relatives

Compare-Contrast Nonfiction Text Structure
(whole-whole)

Ismeta and Madison have been friends since the third grade when Ismeta moved to town. They spend a lot of time hanging out and talking. Recently they were reading a magazine together and decided to take a quiz about their personalities. After they completed the magazine quiz, the two girls noticed that their answers resulted in two different personality types. Ismeta was considered to be an extrovert and Madison was an introvert. Curious to learn more about their differing personalities, Ismeta found a book that explained the two types in great detail. While reading, she noticed that it was a great example of Whole-Whole Compare-Contrast Nonfiction Text Structure!

Now it's **Your Turn!** Read ***The Personality Puzzle: Extroverts and Introverts***. Create your own *Think Aloud* and Graphic Organizer.

Then compare your thinking with **[Ismeta's Think Aloud and Graphic Organizer](#)**.

Before You Read:

Think about what you may already know about personalities.
Think about what you've learned about comparing and contrasting.
Then, jot your ideas.

While You Read:

Notice signal words that can help you determine similarities and differences. You may want to highlight signal words in blue. Highlight the first topic in orange, the second topic in green, and the similar features in brown. (You may use any colors available to you – just remember your color scheme!)

After You Read:

- Now it's time to try Thinking Aloud on your own. Ask yourself this question, "What are the two personality types and how are they similar and different?"
- Use the information you've learned from this passage and Whole-Whole Compare-Contrast Nonfiction Text Structure to determine the details about each personality type.

The Personality Puzzle: Extroverts and Introverts

Do you get pumped up when you're around other people? Does boredom quickly sink you when you're alone? If so, you may have an extroverted personality. You're in good company, too, as extroverts outnumber introverts 3 to 1. Extroverts are drawn to social situations, and purposely seek them out. They're at ease with other people and can strike up a conversation, even with strangers. Talking, as compared to being alone and reflecting, helps extroverts process their thoughts and feelings. At school, extroverts enjoy working on group projects.



On the other hand, maybe you've noticed that hanging out with other people at big school events, games and parties wears you down, and leaves you craving time alone. If that's the case, you may have an introverted personality. Introverts get refueled by spending time alone, rather than with other people. In contrast to the extrovert, introverts tend to think before they speak. They enjoy pondering their own inner world of thoughts and feelings. Deep one-on-one conversations, rather than social small talk, also appeal to the introvert. Most introverts prefer to work independently on school projects rather than in groups.

No matter which of these personality types fits you best, it's important not to stereotype or value one personality type over the other. In fact, many people carry attributes from both extroversion and introversion with varying degrees.

Create a Graphic Organizer:

After you have determined the personality types and compared and contrasted the characteristics of each, create a graphic organizer below to represent your thinking and to help you remember the author's main points.

Compare your Think Aloud with Ismeta's Think Aloud:

Ismeta's Think Aloud: I notice the title includes both "extroverts" and "introverts." I am thinking that this text will include information on both types of personalities. I predict that the author will use Compare-Contrast Text Structure based on the way the title is written.

As I begin the first paragraph I notice the word "extroverted" so I'm thinking that this paragraph will describe the extrovert personality type. I'm thinking that this will be a whole-whole compare-contrast text structure since this paragraph seems to focus on just extroverts. To help me organize the information I am reading, I'll use a Venn Diagram to record the information I learn. I will label the circles Extroverts and Introverts. I cannot believe that extroverted personalities outnumber introverts by that much! It says "extroverts are drawn to social situations, are at ease with other people, and will strike up conversations with anyone including strangers." I also notice that it says extroverts enjoy talking "as compared to being alone and reflecting." When I see the words "as compared to," I know that the author is comparing an extrovert to an introvert. Extroverts sound a lot like me. I love to talk! Finally, I notice that extroverts enjoy working in groups at school. That's true about me, too! Two heads are better than one I say!

Right away in the next paragraph I notice the words, "on the other hand." This signals that there will be new information shared, and this time I bet it will be about introverts. It says that introverts enjoy being alone. I would get bored! I also notice that the signal words "in contrast" that help me identify that another difference is going to be shared. "Introverts tend to think before they speak, enjoy pondering their own inner thoughts, and like one-on-one conversations." The words "rather than" provide another clue to differences in personalities. Finally, introverts enjoy working independently. Those are some huge differences in personality traits.

I didn't notice any paragraph that compared the two personalities so that must mean they don't have much in common. I think in the overlapping part of the circles I am going to put the

words "personality types" since it describes both attributes. It's hard to believe that some of my closest friends are introverts. I guess it's true what they say, opposites attract!

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Compare your Graphic Organizers with Ismeta's Graphic Organizer:

Ismeta's Graphic Organizer: "Because the author is comparing and contrasting introverts and extroverts, I use a Venn Diagram."

Questions to Think About:

- How do *signal words* help Ismeta make sense of the text?
- How does a *Venn Diagram* help Ismeta determine important ideas?
- Why might this process help you make sense of text?
- When might this process be useful?

