



SIGNAL WORDS

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Compare-Contrast Nonfiction Text Structure (part-part)



This is a list of some commonly used words authors use to signal Compare-Contrast Nonfiction Text Structure. It is the structure that authors use when they want to show how two things are alike or different.

The words in the left column signal *comparison*. The words in the right column signal *contrast*. When you begin looking for these words as you read, you will notice they signal similarities or differences between key concepts or ideas that the author is writing about.

You may want to consider using these words in your own writing or speaking when you want to compare or contrast two or more things.

| Compare | Contrast |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| as well as | but |
| at the same time | conversely |
| both | -er/-est adjectives |
| in comparison | however |
| in the same manner | in contrast |
| in the same ways | nevertheless |
| just as | nonetheless |
| like | on the contrary |
| likewise | on the other hand |
| similar | rather |
| still | whereas |
| too | yet |