

COMPARING AND CONTRASTING

A2-B1 | Functional language for finding similarities and differences

1 Useful phrase patterns

Use these phrases to say what is similar and what is different.

both ... and ...

Both buses and trains are useful.

but

The bus is cheap, but it is slow.

different from

This book is different from that one.

similar to

My bag is similar to yours.

the same as

This phone is the same as mine.

more ... than ...

Tokyo is more crowded than my town.

less ... than ...

A bike is less expensive than a car.

... -er than ...

This room is bigger than that room.

2 Respond to the situations

Write one sentence to compare the two things in each situation. Try to use a range of phrases.

1. Compare travelling by bus and travelling by taxi.

2. Compare a library and a cafe as places to study.

3. Compare summer and winter in your town.

4. Compare two restaurants you know.

5. Compare learning online and learning in a classroom.

6. Compare a bicycle and a car for short trips.

7. Compare two films you have seen.

8. Compare your school days and weekends.

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Possible answers

These are examples only. Other accurate and suitable responses are also correct.

Encourage students to use a range of phrase patterns from page 1.

1. Both buses and taxis are useful ways to travel.

2. A library is quiet, but a cafe may be noisy.

3. Summer has longer days than winter in my town.

4. The new restaurant is different from the old one because it is smaller.

5. Online learning can be similar to classroom learning, but the setting is different.

6. A bicycle is less expensive than a car for short trips.

7. The first film was more exciting than the second film.

8. My weekend routine is not the same as my school-day routine.
