

COMPARING AND CONTRASTING

A2-B1 | Conversation practice examples for finding similarities and differences

Conversation: Comparing two language classes

Sophie	Have you tried the evening Spanish class? I'm choosing between that and the Saturday one.
Adam	Yes. The evening class is smaller than the Saturday class, so everyone gets more time to speak.
Sophie	That sounds good. Is the course content the same?
Adam	It's similar to the Saturday course, but the evening group moves a little more slowly.
Sophie	I might prefer that. I find speaking more difficult than reading.
Adam	Me too. Both classes use the same book and have a speaking activity every week.
Sophie	Then the time is the main thing for me. Saturdays are easier, but I like a smaller group.
Adam	Ask if you can visit one evening before deciding. That's how I chose mine.

Key phrases: smaller than / similar to / more difficult than / Both / and

Conversation: Choosing a place to stay

Chloe	This guesthouse is less expensive than the hotel near the beach. Shall we book it?
Ethan	Maybe. It's different from the hotel because there's no breakfast included.
Chloe	We could get breakfast in a cafe. The rooms look bigger too.
Ethan	Yes, but the hotel has a lift. Your dad might find the guesthouse stairs difficult.
Chloe	Good point. Does the hotel room have a balcony?
Ethan	This one does. The view's the same as the one in the room we liked yesterday.
Chloe	Then maybe the extra cost is worth it if everyone can move around easily.
Ethan	I think so. Let's check whether there's a room near the lift.

Key phrases: less expensive than / different from / but / the same as

Create your own conversation

Choose one prompt. Use at least two key phrases and include a natural response and follow-up.

Prompt 1: Compare two courses, including pace, group size and similarities. Explain which differences matter to you.

Prompt 2: Compare accommodation options. Consider access and what is included, not only the price.