

Compare and Contrast Vocabulary

You may want to describe exactly how two things are similar.

also, like, alike, identical, equivalent, just as...so too, likewise, counterpart, similar to, similarly, in comparison, both, not only, but also, have in common, share the same, in the same manner, in the same way, neither

You may also want to contrast ideas of two different authors.

although, but, while, whereas, in contrast to, however, though, on the other hand, nevertheless, unlike, in contrast, conversely, on the contrary, instead of

EXAMPLE COMPARATIVE SENTENCES:

ALSO

The author(s) of Job is concerned with the idea of wisdom. He is also interested in the human-divine relationship, particularly in the context suffering.

LIKE, ALIKE

Like Bultmann, Robinson also views Mark's gospel as having been written first.

The essays by Ellwood and Lamply are alike in two ways. First, they both emphasize the importance of viewing a text analytically. Second, they are also both concerned with reading a text in light of its historical context.

IDENTICAL

These two verses are identical.

These two verses are identical in all ways but one: Mark uses the word, "teacher" to describe Jesus, but Matthew uses the word, "rabbi."

EQUIVALENT

Ellwood presents an equivalent argument.

The primary messages of these two verses are equivalent: they both call us to put our faith in God.

JUST AS

Just as the cover of the book provides thematic unity through artistic means, the conceptual unity is ensured by the treatment of consciousness within the text.

Ellwood argues just as convincingly as Mawhorter for the priority of the Markan gospel.

LIKEWISE (often means "in the same way" or "similarly")

Many liberal Christians maintain that war is not the answer. Likewise, Marcus Borg argues for the importance of "turning the other cheek," supporting his argument with passages from the New Testament.

COUNTERPART

The counterpart to my argument is that, in addition to the God of Jonah functioning as a teacher, Jonah's God is also, in a sense, willing to be taught: "God changed his mind" (3:10).

SIMILARLY

Johnson calls us to examine our own vulnerability. Similarly, Plato declares, "know thyself."

SIMILAR TO, IN THAT

Johnson's exhortations to humans are similar to Plato's in that both urge humans to understand their own weaknesses.

IN COMPARISON

In comparison with Mark's gospel, Luke's gospel focuses more substantially on Jesus as social worker.

BOTH

The words of both Isaiah and Jesus call us to consider the consequences of our actions from a more global, even cosmic, perspective.

NOT ONLY, BUT ALSO

Not only does Mark's Jesus surround his identity with mystery, but he also asks others to keep quiet about what he is capable of.

HAVE IN COMMON

Though Hegel and Nietzsche differ on many points, they had at least one characteristic in common: they both liked a good joke.

SHARE THE SAME

Higglety and Pigglety share the same perspective on gender relationships: they are infinitely complex.

IN THE SAME MANNER/IN THE SAME WAY

Birkenstock looks at historical setting to expand upon his textual analysis. In the same way, Nike places emphasis on the text's original audience as he develops his interpretation.

NEITHER

Neither Jesus nor Paul directly discusses the issue of abortion.

CONTRASTIVE SENTENCES:

WHILE

Science inquires into the physical world while theology concerns itself with the salvation of the soul and with the world of values.

INSTEAD

"Augustine holds that the individual isn't able to cause the will of faith on [his or] her own. Instead, God causes the will of faith via an infusion of faith." (Kevin Timpe)

INSTEAD OF

Instead of a development in righteousness based in the person, or an infusion of merit from the saints, a person is judged righteous before God because of the works of Christ.

IN CONTRAST TO

In contrast to the ideas of Pelagius, Augustine believed that unique grace is needed for humans to will the good, which they are not able to do without God's help.