

comparison

noun

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► Say it: com • par • i • son

Write it: _____

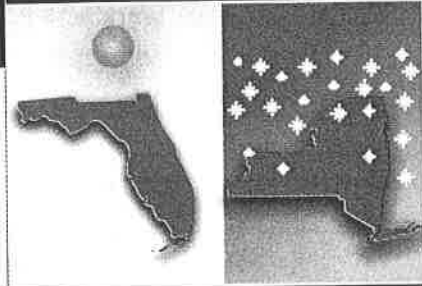
Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meaning

a study of the way that two things are the same and different

Example

Florida is _____ most of the year. In **comparison**, New York is very _____ during the fall and winter.



Forms

- **Singular:** comparison
- **Plural:** comparisons

Family

- **Verb:** compare
- **Adjective:** comparable
- **Adverb:** comparatively

Word Partners

- draw a _____ between
- in _____
- make a _____ between

It's easy to **draw comparisons between** identical twins.
 My bedroom is small **in comparison** to my parents' bedroom.
 In our science class, our teacher **made a comparison between** white and red blood cells.

Verbal Practice

Talk about It Read each sentence and think about how you would complete it.

Discuss your idea with your partner using the sentence frame.

Listen carefully to your partner's and classmates' ideas.

Write your favorite idea in the blank.

- 1 One **comparison** you could draw between hip hop music and poetry is that both _____.
- 2 _____ is a talented celebrity; in **comparison**, _____ is not talented at all.

Writing Practice

Collaborate Work with your partner to complete the sentence using the correct form of comparison and appropriate content.

The food that is served in our school cafeteria is _____ . In _____ , the food that I eat at home is _____ .

Your Turn Work independently to complete the sentence using the correct form of comparison and appropriate content.

People often make _____ between my _____ and me because we both _____ .

Be an Academic Author Work independently to write two sentences. In your first sentence, use **comparison** in the *singular form* and include a word partner. In your second sentence, use **comparison** in the *plural form*.

① _____

② _____

grammar tip

Count nouns name things that can be counted. Count nouns have two forms, singular and plural. To make most count nouns plural, add **-s**.

It's easy to make comparisons between rats and mice.

He likes board games.

Write an Academic Paragraph Complete the paragraph using the correct form of **comparison** and original content.

Many people like to make _____^① between family members.

When babies are born, people enjoy _____^② the baby to his or her _____^③. You can make comparisons based on physical appearance, such as if a mother and daughter both have _____^④, or you can base them on personality, such as if a father and son are both _____^⑤ by nature.

Anyone with brothers or sisters will be used to hearing _____^⑥; people like to distinguish between siblings by saying which child is more outgoing or which child is more _____^⑦. It's fun to make comparisons about other people, but it's also important to remember that every person is a _____^⑧ individual.