

compare

verb

► Say it: com • pare



Write it: _____

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meaning

to look at what is the same and what is different between two things

Example

The students **compared** their _____ after the test.



Forms

Present:

I/You/We/They

compare

He/She/It

compares

Past:

compared

Family

- *Noun:* comparison
- *Adjective:* comparable
- *Adverb:* comparatively

Word Partners

- _____ and contrast Writing assignments often ask you to **compare and contrast** two things you have read about.
- _____ notes Before a big test, I usually **compare notes** with my study partner.
- _____ results The students **compared results** from their science experiments.

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 It would be interesting to **compare** and contrast popular fashion styles in the United States with popular fashion styles in _____.
- 2 I **compared** the _____ habits of six-year-olds to those of teenagers.

Writing Practice

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

It isn't healthy to _____ yourself to celebrities because sometimes they _____.

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

People often _____ the singer _____ to the singer _____ because they both _____.

Be an Academic Author Work independently to write two sentences. In your first sentence, use **compare** with the adverb of frequency *often*. In your second sentence, use **compare** in the *simple past tense* and include a word partner.

① _____

 ② _____

grammar tip

Adverbs of frequency are words that show how often something happens. They usually go before the main verb.

People often compare twins.
 He frequently arrives late.

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

Studies have shown that when people read magazines, they compare themselves

to the _____ ① in the photographs. This can be a very _____ ② habit since magazine pictures are often heavily airbrushed. Airbrushing is a process in which a _____ ③ is digitally altered so that the subject looks better. For example, _____ ④ and skin flaws disappear, and people can even be made to look thinner! When people _____ ⑤ themselves to the models in airbrushed pictures, this can make them feel self-conscious about their appearance. However, it is unrealistic to _____ ⑥ a real person with an airbrushed photograph. Instead, it's better to _____ ⑦ your own body image and not compare yourself to other people.