

# 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  
He/She/It

compare  
compares

**Past:**

compared

### Family

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

### Word Partners

- \_\_\_\_\_ and contrast
- \_\_\_\_\_ notes
- \_\_\_\_\_ results

Writing assignments often ask you to **compare and contrast** two things you have read about.

Before a big test, I usually **compare notes** with my study partner.

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