

# Compare

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- \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ are alike because \_\_\_\_\_.

### Examples of How to Bring a Conclusion to a Comparison

- Both like to \_\_\_
- Both seem to \_\_\_
- They agree. Neither one likes it.
- Each has \_\_\_.
- Neither is \_\_\_.
- Both contain \_\_\_\_\_.

## Signal Words and Phrases

alike	in similar fashion
along the same lines	just as
also	just like
at the same time	least
and	less than
as	like
as well as	likewise
both	more than
by the same token	most important
can be compared	neither
comparable	resemble
comparatively	same
compare	same as
correspondingly	share
each	similar
equal, equally	similar to
even	similarly
in common	so too
in comparison	the same
In like manner	the same as
in the same manner	too
in the same way	twin

### Questions

- What two or more things are being compared?
- What feature or features of the things are being compared?
- In what ways are these things alike?
- In what ways are \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ similar?

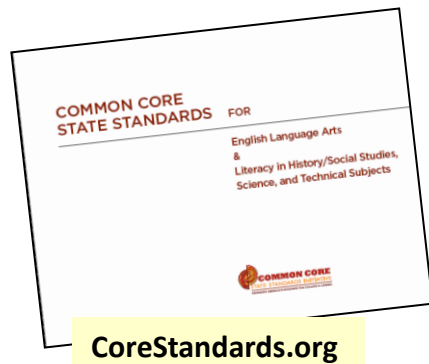
### Examples of Statements that Compare

- First, they both have \_\_\_\_\_.
- Second, they both have \_\_\_\_\_.
- Another way they are alike is \_\_\_\_\_.
- **One thing they both have in common is that they \_\_\_\_\_.**
- Just like \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ rode the bus to school every day.
- \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ have an equal position on the issue.
- **Neither one believes that \_\_\_\_.**
- Both twins have brown hair and brown eyes.
- **That is the best band I have ever seen.**
- He is the funniest person in our class. (Quality, best/better)
- I have as many issues as her.
- She is as tall as her sister. (Height, short/tall)
- **Dogs are usually friendlier than cats. (Compare sentences talk about the same adjective.)**
- Renee is wiser than Deb.
- Music is as important to Justin as reading is to Deb. (Hobbies, music/reading)

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# Contrast

## HOW THINGS ARE DIFFERENT

When you contrast two or more things, you show how they are different.

Contrasting does not always mean good vs. bad. It also means how one thing is simply different from another.

### Examples of Opening Statements

- There are several ways that \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ are different.
- There are several ways that \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ differ.
- \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ are different in several ways.
- While \_\_\_ is the main difference between these two things (people, events, places, etc.), there are others. These include \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ are different because \_\_\_\_.

## Signal Words and Phrases

although	neither/nor
and yet	nevertheless
better	nonetheless
but	on the contrary
by contrast	on the other hand
conversely	opposite
despite	otherwise
differ	regardless
difference	still
different	though
different from	unequal
differently	unless
either/or	unlike
even though	variations
however	vary
in contrast	whereas
instead	while
former/latter	yet
more/less than	

### Examples of Ending Statements

- People tend to prefer dogs as pets and adventure novels in books.
- The setting in the book was fall, while the setting in the movie was winter.

## Examples of Statements of How Things are Different

- \_\_\_ has \_\_\_ while \_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_ does \_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_ does not.
- \_\_\_ acted with honor, but \_\_\_ did not.
- They were opposites. \_\_\_ liked \_\_\_ while \_\_\_ did not.
- Unlike \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_ rode the bus to school every day.
- \_\_\_ has a different view.
- Mary liked ice cream but Howard liked brownies.
- Dogs are usually friendlier than cats, but cats are cleaner than dogs. (A contrast sentence with different adjectives – friendliness/cleanliness.)
- A different view is \_\_\_\_.
- Another way to view this is \_\_\_\_.

## Questions

- What two or more things are being contrasted?
- What are the details to show how they differ?
- How do the things being contrasted differ?
- In what ways are these things different?
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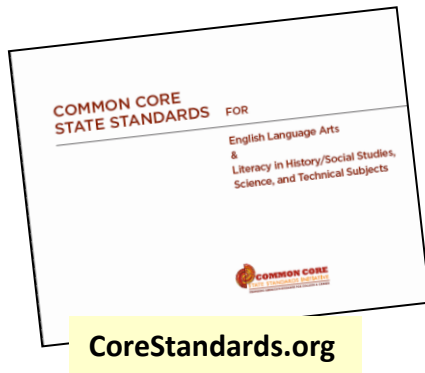
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# Cause/Effect

## WHY SOMETHING HAPPENED/WHAT HAPPENED

The *cause* tells why something happened.  
The *effect* tells what happened.

### Signal Words and Phrases

<b>Cause</b> <i>why something happened</i>		<b>Effect</b> <i>what happened</i>	
because being that begins with cause due to the fact that for the simple reason that for this reason forasmuch as gives rise to if this happens inasmuch as in that in view of the fact leads to led to may be due to now that origin owing to the fact reason seeing that	source when is caused by . . . the cause is . . . may be due to . . . the reason this happened is on account of (cause), this since (cause) happened . . . this (cause) led to . . . actions leading to (effect) included . . . . because (cause) happened as a result of (cause) . . when ____ happened, . for this reason	accordingly all in all as a result of on account of as a consequence as a result of as might be expected because because of this effect effects of impact outcome result results in as a result consequence consequently due to for this reason finally happened hence if . . . then . . . in consequence it follows that	it follows then impact is impact will be namely outcome result since so so that then therefore thereupon thus this (cause) led to .. this happened because . . . because of as a consequence, (effect) happened. as a result, (effect) happened. this led to (effect). when this results in

#### CAUSE QUESTIONS

- What happened?
- Why did it happen?
- To whom or what did it happen?
- When did it happen?
- What brought about the action?
- What else happened because of that event?
- Is there more than one cause?
- If there is more than one cause, is one more powerful than the others?
- What was the cause?
- What are the details and examples that explain the causes?

#### EFFECT QUESTIONS

- What is the impact?
- Who or what is effected?
- What are the details and examples that show the effect?
- Was there one effect or more than one?
- If there was more than one effect, was one stronger or more important than the others?
- What are the consequences?

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# Problem/Solution

## FIND THE ISSUE AND SOLVE IT

Problem and Solution signal words help tell about a problem or issue, why there is a problem or issue, and then gives one or more possible solutions.

### Signal Words and Phrases

Problem	Solution
<p>conundrum dilemma factor issue problem problematic puzzle quandry question reason situation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A reason for the problem is ____.</li> <li>• Factors impacting this problem include ____.</li> <li>• The issue being dealt with is ____.</li> <li>• This is a problem because ____.</li> </ul>	<p>answer possibility proposition solution remedy resolution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A solution for this is ____.</li> <li>• This can be solved by ____.</li> <li>• One way to resolve this is ____.</li> <li>• One answer to this is ____.</li> <li>• Potential solutions include ____.</li> </ul>

#### Questions - PROBLEMS

- What is the problem?
- Why is this a problem?
- How long has this been a problem?
- To whom or what is this a problem?
- What are the details related to the problem?
- How serious is the problem or issue?
- Who or what is involved in the problem?
- What are the causes of the problem?

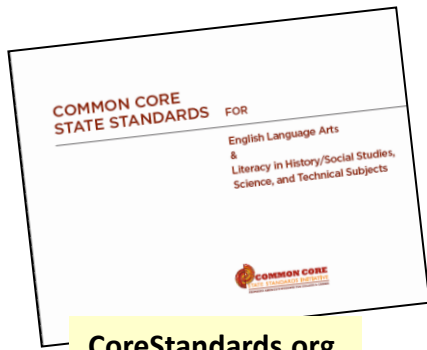
#### Questions - SOLUTION

- Can the problem be solved, resolved, or just reduced?
- What is a solution for the problem?
- What resources are needed to solve the problem?
- What must happen in order for the problem to be solved?
- Is there a process for solving the problem?
- Is there a time limit for solving the problem?
- What is the evidence that the solution will likely be successful?

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W.9-10.2.F.03	Point out potential problems, results (when writing a conclusion).
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# Sequence

## WORDS THAT BRING ORDER

*Sequence words help show the order of things. They help signal such things as when something happened, the steps in a sequence, and the logical order of things.*

### Examples of Opening Statements

- There are several steps to this process. The first is . . .
- In the beginning, \_\_\_\_.
- In their recent work, \_\_\_\_.
- It's never too early to \_\_\_\_.

### Examples of When to Use a Sequence

- Show the steps in something.
- Give the sequence of events in a story, novel, or informational piece.
- Show the timeline of what happened or will happen in an event or set of events.
- Sequence the evidence when making a claim: general evidence to more specific evidence, least important pieces of evidence to more important pieces of evidence.

## Signal Words and Phrases

A, B, C	future	on time
after	here, there	past
afterward	how to	preceding
afterwards	immediately	present
already	in order	presently
always	in the future	previously
as soon as	in the meantime	prior
at last	In the past	prior to
at length	Initially	recently
at (time)	into	second
at that time	last	sequence
at this point	lastly	shortly
at this time	late	since
bedtime	lately	soon
before	later	subsequently
currently	latter	then
cycle	lunchtime	thereafter
daytime	new	third
dinnertime	later	time
during	latter	to
earlier	lunchtime	to this day
early	meanwhile	today
eventually	most important	tomorrow
finally	new	ultimately
first	next	until
for one thing	now	when
former	o'clock	whenever
formerly	old	while
from		

### Sequences

- First, second, third
- First of all, then, meanwhile
- Former, latter
- In the first place, in the second place, . . .
- For one thing, \_\_\_\_\_.

### Questions

- What is the sequence?
- What kind of sequence is used? Time? Logical order? Step-by-step?
- What are the details and/or examples for each part of the sequence?
- Is there a reason for the sequence?

### Examples of Closing Statements

- From beginning to end, \_\_\_\_\_.
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RI.9-10.2.02	Create a timeline or sequence of details that build the theme or central idea in a text.
RI.9-10.3.08	Examine how an author builds an opinion or a study with key details, paying close attention to how the ideas are introduced, sequenced, and developed.
RI.11-12.3.02	Recognize how ideas, events, and individuals are woven together over the course of the text.

# Description

PROVIDE DETAILS AND EXAMPLES

Words and phrases that describe help to “paint a picture” for the reader about whatever it is you are writing – the topic.

## Questions

- What is being described?
- Why is this thing being described?
- Is one thing or more than one thing being described?
- For each thing being described, what are the details and examples that support the description?

Sight	Smell
black	acidic
blue	acid
brilliant	aromatic
drab	foul
flushed	fragrant
green	fresh
indigo	funky
large	heady
opaque	moldy
orange	musky
red	nasty
ruddy	noxious
sepia	odor
shimmering	perfumed
small	piney
smoky	pungent
snowy	rancid
translucent	savory
transparent	sharp
twinkling	smelly
white	stinky
violet	stuffy
yellow	sweaty
	sweet

Taste	Touch
acidic	burning
biting	cold
bitter	damp
brackish	dry
dirty	feathery
dry	frosty
flavorful	furry
fresh	fuzzy
fruity	gnarled
full-bodied	gritty
gamy	hairy
gross	hot
juicy	knotted
peppery	leathery
rank	limp
sharp	lumpy
sour	oily
succulent	ribbed
sugary	rough
sweet	slimy
syrupey	smooth
tangy	splintered
tart	sticky
zesty	stinging
	wet

Sound		
barking	noisy	tapping
bawling	outry	tearing
bellow	pandemonium	thunderous
blare	piercing	tight-lipped
blasé	pounding	tinkling
cackle	quiet	tranquil
chatter	racket	tweet
cheer	rasping	uproar
clash	raucous	vocalize
coo	rhythmic	voiceless
cough	ringing	volume
din	rumble	wail
discordant	rustle	warble
fizz	scratching	weeping
gasp	scratchy	whimpering
grating	scream	whistling
grunting	screech	wordless
jarring	shout shriek	yapping
loud	shrill	yell
moaning	snort	yelp
mumbling	sob	yodel
murmuring	splash	

after all

an instance of this can be seen in

as

as an illustration

by observing

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depicts

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e.g.,

features include

for example

for instance

for one thing

i.e.,

illustrates

## Signal Words

In particular

like

portray

reason . . . Is that

sensory words (i.e., sight,

touch, feeling, taste,

smell

some characteristics are

some details include

spatial words (e.g., at,

above, below, beside,

under, over

specifically

such as

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# Basic Parts of the Content Cards

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Short Definition

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Examples of ways to use the text structure in the closing of a paper.

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Examples of words that provide a signal to others of the text structure you are using.

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- Another way they are alike is \_\_\_\_.
- **One thing they both have in common is that they \_\_\_\_.**
- Just like \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ rode the bus to school every day.
- \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ have an equal position on the issue.
- **Neither one believes that...**
- Both twins have brown hair and brown eyes.
- **That is the best band I have ever seen.**
- He is the funniest person in our class. (Quality, best/better)
- I have as many issues as her.
- She is as tall as her sister. (Height, short/tall)
- **Dogs are usually friendlier than cats. (Compare sentences talk about the same adjective.)**
- Renee is wiser than Deb.
- Music is as important to Justin as reading is to Deb. (Hobbies, music/reading)

More examples of wording for the text structure.

Note: The content cards differ in the type of information included.

Examples of the types of questions you might answer in your paper for this text structure.