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Comparison and Contrast Guide

Comparison

When you're comparing items, using a transition word from this list will signal to readers that you're changing from one item to the next and the transition word will also tell the reader that the two items are similar.

Examples:

- The characters in the movie were very similar to the characters in the book.
- Both the characters in the movie and in the book were interested in detective work.

Comparison words:

- also
- as
- as well as
- both
- in the same manner
- in the same way
- like
- likewise
- most important
- same
- similar
- similarly
- the same as
- too

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Contrast

On the other hand, using one of the transitions from the list of words below will signal readers that the two items you're discussing are different.

Examples:

- The setting in the book was summer while the setting in the movie was winter.
- The events in the book took place during several afternoons, but the events in the movie took place in the evening.

Contrast words:

- although
- but
- differ
- even though
- however
- in contrast
- instead
- nevertheless
- on the contrary
- on the other hand
- unless
- unlike
- while
- yet