



On the Other Hand

Comparison and contrast paragraphs often prove useful. Sometimes you will only compare, sometimes you will only contrast, and sometimes you will do both. When you *compare*, you write about the *things which are the same* about someone or something. When you *contrast*, you write about the *things which are different*.



Think of two people whom you know. They can be friends or family members. One of them should be like you, and the other should be different from you. First, fill in the lines to write a comparison paragraph.

My _____
(friend or family member)

and I have several things in common. First, _____

We both also _____

A third thing we have in common is that we both _____

Because we have these things in common, we _____



Now fill in the lines to write a contrast paragraph.

My _____
(friend or family member)

and I are different in several ways. _____
(He or She)

thinks _____

However, I think _____
(he or she)

Also _____

I am different, though, because I _____

In spite of our differences, we _____

Extension: Choose a friend or relative whom you like and admire. Write a paragraph comparing and contrasting yourself with this person.