**Compare and Contrast – 1st presentation**

**Prepare a presentation on one of the following topics:**

* **Children’s vs. adults’ acquisition of foreign languages.**
* **Monolingualism vs. bi/multi-lingualism.**
* **Any topic you choose from your own research / topics of academic interest.**

1. Begin by creating a list of similarities and differences. Try to come up with as many points as possible **basing yourselves on both the text and the videos.**

**B.** Organize your points according to one of the following principles:

1. **The Parallel Method**

Presenting all of the information you have on your first topic and then do the same for your second.

**Structure:**

Introduction: Provides background information and presents a thesis statement about the topics being discussed

• Section on Topic A (**children’s acquisition of foreign languages)**

o one quality of topic A

o second quality of topic A

o third quality of topic A

o (and so on, depending on the topic)

• Section on Topic B (**adults’ acquisition of foreign languages)**

o one quality of topic B

o second quality of topic B

o third quality of topic B

o (and so on, depending on the topic)

• Conclusion: Sums up the major issue or makes a recommendation based on the information provided

1. **The Point-by-Point Method**

This method allows you to show similarities and differences between your topics one at a time.

**Structure:**

• Introduction: Provides background information and presents a thesis statement about the topics being discussed

• One quality of both A and B

• A second quality of both A and B

• A third quality of both A and B

• A fourth quality of both A and B

• and so on, depending on the information

• Conclusion: as above

1. **The Similarities and Differences Method**

**Structure:**

• Introduction: As above

• Similar qualities of A and B

o First similarity

o Second similarity

o Third Similarity o and so on

• Different qualities of A and B

o First difference

o Second Difference

o Third difference

o and so on

• Conclusion: as above

1. Present your chosen topic basing yourself on **different** sources of information we have discussed (texts and videos). You are highly recommended to use any additional source of information, as well as your own relevant experience.

Prepare a PowerPoint presentation illustrating your points. In preparing the presentation follow the guidelines attached in the additional file.

While presenting, pay attention to the following guidelines:

1. Use appropriate **vocabulary** (re-reading the texts and re-watching the videos may help you here).
2. Watch your **grammar** and **sentence structure**.
3. Practice your **pronunciation** of unfamiliar words using the dictionary or text-to-speech programs (e.g., https://www.naturalreaders.com/).
4. Try to be as **coherent** as possible, organizing your speech logically and using suitable logical connectors and linkers. Consult the file on “Coherence in Speaking” attached to this message.
5. Practice before presenting to achieve enhanced **fluency**.