**COMPARE AND CONTRAST**

[**Introducing differences**](http://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/compare-and-contrast/)

X **is different from** Y in a number of respects.  
X **differs from** Y in a number of important ways.  
**There are a number of important differences betw**een X and Y.  
**Areas where significant differences have been found include** X and Y.  
**In contrast to** earlier findings, however, no evidence of X was detected.

[**Introducing similarities**](http://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/compare-and-contrast/)

**Both** X **and** Y share a number of key features.  
**There are a number of similarities between** X and Y.  
The effects of X on human health **are similar to** / **are comparable to** those of Y.

[**Comparing within one sentence**](http://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/compare-and-contrast/)

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| Oral societies tend to be more concerned with the present | **whereas while** | literate societies have a very definite awareness of the past. |

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| **Whereas While** | oral societies tend to be more concerned with the present, | literate societies have a very definite awareness of the past. |

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| This interpretation | **differs from that contrasts with that is different from that** | of Smith and Jones (2004) who argue that …. |

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| **In contrast to** oral communities, | it is very difficult to get away from calendar time in literate societies. |
| **Compared with** people in oral cultures, | people in literate cultures organise their lives around clocks and calendars. |

[**Comparing within one sentence: comparative forms**](http://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/compare-and-contrast/)

In the trial, women made **more/fewer** errors **than** men.  
Women tend to have **greater/less** verbal fluency **than** men.  
Women are **more/less** likely **than** men to perform well in tests.  
Women tend to perform **better/worse than** men on tests of perceptual speed.  
Women are **faster/slower than** men at certain precision manual tasks, such as …

[**Indicating difference across two sentences**](http://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/compare-and-contrast/)

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| It is very difficult to get away from calendar time in literate societies. | **By contrast, In contrast, On the other hand,** | many people in oral communities have little idea of the calendar year of their birth. |

[**Indicating similarity across two sentences**](http://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/compare-and-contrast/)

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| Young children learning their first language need simplified input. | **Similarly, Likewise, In the same way,** | low level adult L2 learners need graded input supplied in most cases by a teacher. |

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