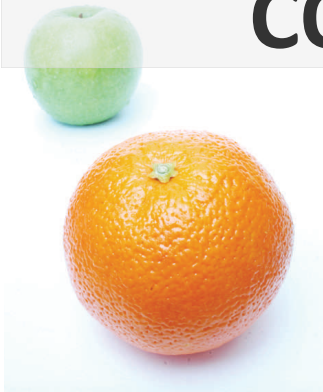


COMPARE & CONTRAST



This type of essay is composed by using *comparisons* (where similarities are enumerated and explained) and *contrasts* (where differences are discussed). This can be accomplished in one of two ways: *point-by-point organization*, which moves back and forth between the items being compared; or *block organization*, which discusses one item fully before moving on to the next.

The best way to compare and contrast your two items is by using different points or angles to look at both of them with. For example, if you were comparing and contrasting public versus private modes of land transportation, you can evaluate both according to convenience, comfort, and environmental impact .

- Using the **point-by-point structure**, the body of your paper will resemble the one below:

I. Convenience

- A. Being able to drive away at any time versus following the bus schedule
- B. Paying attention to driving versus relaxing on the commute
- C. Having to park a private vehicle versus easily getting off a bus or train

II. Comfort

- A. How both public and private modes of transportation provide comfort
 1. Comfortable seating in most cars and buses or trains
 2. Air-conditioning in most cars and buses or trains
- B. How both public and private transportation can also cause discomfort in their own ways
 1. Smaller cabins of cars versus more space for movement inside buses or trains
 2. Having more privacy in cars versus coming to contact with strangers on public transport

III. Environmental Impact

- A. The air pollution caused by cars compared to that caused by buses or trains
- B. The amount of fuel consumed by private versus public vehicles
- C. The quantity of other natural resources used for the maintenance and operations of private versus public modes of transport

- Using **block organization**, the body of your paper will be divided into these parts:

I. Private Transportation

- A. Convenience
- B. Comfort
- C. Environmental Impact

II. Public Transportation

- A. Convenience
- B. Comfort
- C. Environmental Impact

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