

Main Purpose

To show similarities and differences between two or more topics (people, places, events, or ideas).

Thinking Skills targeted

analyzing / categorizing / comparing-contrasting / evaluating / investigating / recalling

How to use

Write the topics in the top row of the grid; write the elements for comparison in the left column; write appropriate data in the remaining columns.

Language Implications

Consider the language implications of this graphic organizer and identify the specific structure(s) you want to target. Design a language task that will require students to further their language use. The language implications for this particular graphic organizer will vary, depending upon the activity designed, and may include:

- Comparative adjectives
- transitional words/phrases for compare/contrast such as however, but, besides, though, although, yet, whereas, on the one hand/on the other hand, in contrast, ...
- superlatives
- present tense
- past tense
- because clauses to explain the differences

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