

Compare and Contrast – understand the terms and vocabulary

Compare – means to note the similarity or dissimilarity between

1. to point out as similar, liken

Examples:

She compared the activity of ants to the behaviour of humans.

She became as white as a sheet.

He is like a mouse in school but a lion at home.

2. to examine for similarity or differences:

Examples:

Before buying compare the two bicycles.

Please do not compare me with my friend.

We are two very different people.

Contrast - difference between two objects, people, or places

Examples:

1. Owls are birds but bats are mammals.

2. Unlike humans, ants behave in an orderly manner!

3. He likes to drive. However, he is not a good driver.

4. Mammals give birth to live ones while birds lay eggs.

Compare and contrast: In general use, such as in writing a “compare/contrast”

compare means “find the similarities” and **contrast** means “find the differences.”

***If a question asks you to compare, please write both the similarities and differences to be on the safe side. ***

Drag and drop the correct vocabulary in the appropriate column.

Compare	Contrast

, while

Both

as well as

, but

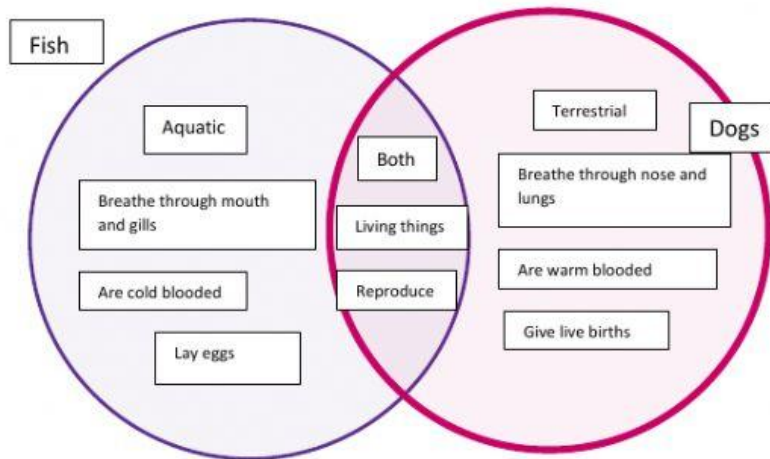
similar

yet

alike

, whereas

Study the Venn diagram given. Fill in the blanks based on your understanding of the diagram.



1. _____ fish and dogs are living things.
2. Fish _____ dogs reproduce.
3. Fish use gills to breathe, _____ dogs use lungs to breathe.
4. Fish are cold blooded animals, _____ dogs are warm blooded.
5. Most fish reproduce through eggs. _____, dogs give birth to live ones.
6. Fish and dogs are _____ in that both are vertebrates, that is, both have backbones.