

# IELTS Vocabulary: Contrast & comparison

Complete these sentences with the most appropriate word or expression from A, B or C.

1. The two machines ..... considerably. One has an electric motor, the other runs on oil.

A. differ    B. differentiate    C. differential

2. The ..... in weather between the north and the south of the country is very noticeable.

A. comparison    B. contrast    C. compare

3. Many people cannot ..... between lemon juice and lime juice.

A. differ    B. differentiate    C. contrast

4. Children must be taught to ..... between right and wrong.

A. differ    B. contrast    C. distinguish

5. There is a ..... between being interested in politics and joining a political party.

A. distinguish    B. distinctive    C. distinction

6. Can you tell the ..... between a good boss and a bad one?

A. difference    B. differentiate    C. contrast

7. The management must not ..... between male and female applicants.

A. differ    B. contrast    C. discriminate

8. Asia covers a huge area. .... Europe is very small.

A. By way of contrast    B. By ways of comparing    C. By similar means

9. The new model of car is very ..... to the old one.

A. same    B. similar    C. common

10. Her political opinions are ..... to mine.

A. same    B. exactly    C. identical

11. Some political parties have such similar manifestos that they are difficult to .....

- A. tell apart    B. say apart    C. speak apart

12. My friends and I enjoy doing many of the same things. In that respect, we have a lot .....

- A. in similar    B. in particular    C. in common

13. There seems to be a large ..... between the number of people employed in service industries, and those employed in the primary sector.

- A. discriminate    B. discretion    C. discrepancy

14. British and Australian people share the same language, but in other respects they are as different as .....

- A. cats and dogs    B. chalk and cheese    C. salt and pepper

15. Britain's economy is largely based on its industry, ..... a few hundred years ago it was an agrarian country.

- A. wherefore    B. whereas    C. whereby