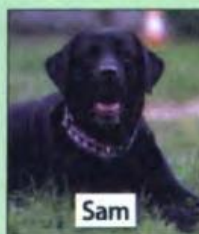


Labradors

In looks, Boss and Sam are almost **identical**, **except** that Boss is a bit bigger. Jake and Boss are **similar**, **except for** their colour. The **similarity** between Sam and Jake is that they both have large ears, **unlike** Boss whose ears are quite small. In character, though, none of them are **alike**. **Compared with** Jake and Boss, Sam is very lazy. In fact, he's **completely different** from the other two, **apart from** the fact that he'll eat anything – all Labradors will. With the other two, the **main difference** is that Boss is rather quiet **in comparison with** Jake.



GLOSSARY

identical	without a single difference SYN exactly the same
except	not including sb/sth (except that + clause OR except for + noun)
similar (to sb/sth)	like sb/sth, but not the same similarity (between X and Y) n
unlike	used when saying how one person/thing is different from another
alike	very similar (Don't use alike before a noun.)
completely different	different in every way
apart from sb/sth	except for sb/sth
the main difference	the most important difference

SPOTLIGHT *compare v and comparison n*

When you **compare** people or things, you say how they are different.

- If you **compare** dogs **and/with** cats, dogs are usually noisier.
- **Compared with/to** dogs, cats are very clean.
- **In comparison with** dogs, cats are more independent.

1 Replace the underlined words with a different word or phrase with the same meaning.

- ▶ Barley is like my other dog. similar to
- 1 She's very tall compared with Bruno. _____
- 2 I liked all of the dogs except for the little one. _____
- 3 The two cats aren't very similar. _____
- 4 The most important difference is colour. _____
- 5 A Labrador is very big in comparison with a dachshund. _____
- 6 My two cats look exactly the same. _____
- 7 The dogs are, in every way, different. _____
- 8 My dog is different from other dogs – he doesn't like walks. _____

2 Complete the sentences.

- ▶ If you compare _____ the two books, it's amazing how different they are.
- 1 Mitzy is very _____ to her brother Bo; they both love swimming in the local river.
- 2 _____ with Rocky, my new dog is quite active. Rocky never moves!
- 3 There is one major _____ between the two horses: they've both won important races.
- 4 This dog is like the one next door, _____ that this one's got a lot more hair.
- 5 _____ his very clean sister Gucci, Boris is a dirty, smelly dog.
- 6 Some people say my two cats are _____, but I think they're _____ different.
- 7 I didn't enjoy the film about the dogs, _____ from the ending which was great.
- 8 The main _____ between the two cats is that Petra is heavier.

3 ABOUT YOU AND YOUR COUNTRY Write sentences about the similarities and differences between two members of your family or two cities in your country.



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