

89) Similarities and differences

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.



Boss



Sam



Jake

GLOSSARY

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| 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.
- 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.

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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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