

THE SAME AS, SIMILAR TO, DIFFERENT FROM, LIKE, AND ALIKE

A. We use “***The Same***” and “***The Same . . . As***” to say that things are equal.

J.P. has a black 2016 Toyota. Nancy has a black 2016 Toyota.

*J.P.’s car is the same color as Nancy’s.

*J.P.’s car is the same year as Nancy’s car.

*Their cars are the same.

B. We use “***Like***” and “***Alike***” to say that things are the same or almost the same.

Like and alike are used in different structures.

J.P.’s car is like Nancy’s car.

(noun) (be + like) (noun)

J.P.’s car and Nancy’s car are alike.

(noun) (noun) (verb + alike)

C. We use “***similar***” and “***similar to***” to say that things are different in small ways.

Tobin has a little Chevy and Will has a little Golf.

*Will’s car is similar to Tobin’s car.

*Will and Tobin’s cars are similar.

D. We use “***different***” and “***different from***” when things are not at all equal.

Jessica has a green Honda. Jennifer has a red Ford.

*Jessica’s car is different from Jennifer’s car.

*Jessica and Jennifer’s cars are different.

Circle the correct comparison word.

1. Steve and Kristen live in the town of Milwaukie.

Steve lives in (the same town / the same town as) Jane.

2. They both live in (the same / the same as) town.

3. Steve and Kristen were born in Milwaukie and have lived there all of their lives.

Steve talks (like / alike) Kristen.

4. Steve and Kristen talk (like / alike).

5. Jonathan is Steve’s brother. He lives in the town of Gladstone.

Jonathan lives in a (different / different from) town.

6. Steve and Jonathan live in (different / different from) towns.

7. Steve looks (like / alike) Jonathan.

8. Steve and Jonathan look (like / alike).

9. Steve’s truck is (similar / similar to) Jonathan’s truck.

10. Steve and Jonathan’s trucks are (similar / similar to).

11. Steve is a mechanic. Jonathan is an engineer.

Steve's job is (different / different from) Jonathan's.