

Compare and contrast

When you show how things are alike or the same, you are **comparing**. When you show how things are different, you are contrasting.

Read the sentences that follow.

A Two Bahamian companies, **PaperPak**, and **Sun Manufacturing** make products that are sold in The Bahamas.

B The handbag I bought from **Bailey's Manufacturing Company** was on sale for \$45.00, but the bag my sister bought from **Shirley's Accessories** was only \$25.00.

In sentence **A**, two companies are being **compared**. The companies are **alike** or the same because they both sell products that are made in The Bahamas.

In sentence **B**, a **contrast** is being made between the two shops to show the **difference** in the cost of the handbags.

Try it out!

Read the following paragraph. Look for the things that are the same and the things that are different.

In The Bahamas, several Bahamian-owned companies make products. Two of these companies are PaperPak Products in New Providence and Androsia Limited on Andros Island. PaperPak makes items such as paper bags, toilet tissue, and paper towels. Androsia Limited makes fabric and clothing. Both of these companies sell their products to the public and stores.

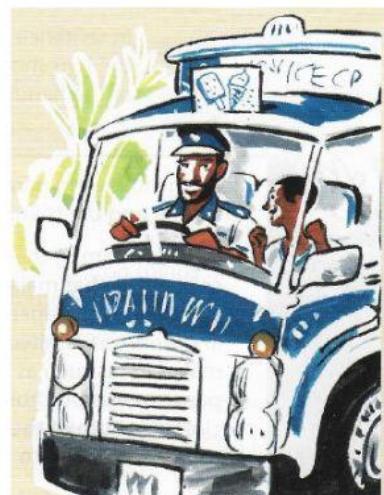
Ricky goes to work

Most children like ice cream. In New Providence, there is a factory that makes ice cream. It is called Dairy Maid Ice Cream Factory. Customers can purchase retail or wholesale. Read the following story about a visit to the ice cream factory.

1 It was nearing his nephew's birthday when Uncle Ralph had a wonderful idea. 'Ricky, what about working with me for one day?' he asked. 'Yes, yes, yes,' Ricky replied, hugging his uncle tightly. Uncle Ralph arranged for Ricky to work with him at the Dairy Maid Factory the following day.

2 At 8.00 a.m. the following morning, when Uncle Ralph arrived at Dairy Maid Ice Cream Factory, his co-workers all told him how handsome his nephew was. Ricky just blushed.

3 Uncle Ralph began his day by checking orders and loading his ice cream truck with deliveries. Ricky was given a large, heavy freezer jacket. When he put it on, he could hardly walk. In the freezer, his whole body, especially his nose, ears, and feet, felt frozen. When Uncle Ralph had finished his task, he took off his freezer jacket, got into his truck, and was about to pull off when he remembered Ricky. He dashed inside, shouting to the top of his voice, 'Ricky, Ricky!' Ricky was nowhere to be found. He quickly opened the freezer. There was Ricky at the door! He was shaking like a leaf in a hurricane, from cold and fright. Uncle Ralph lifted him and ran outside with him. He was lucky that Ricky had not been there for a long time.



4 After Ricky had warmed up, and he climbed onto the front seat of the truck with his uncle. For two hours, Ricky helped his uncle with deliveries. They went to several food stores and gas stations. At the end of this trip, Ricky was all smiles and \$5.00 richer. It was now lunchtime so Uncle Ralph stopped at The Bamboo Shack and bought chicken snacks for both of them.

5 Ricky had just finished washing his hands when Mrs. Beneby entered the room and said, 'Let's go, Ricky.' She had promised to give him a tour of the factory and show him how ice cream is made. As Ricky entered the room, he could see huge machines, containers, and measuring cups. He also smelled a mixture of different scents such as strawberry, coconut, vanilla, pineapple, and chocolate. This made his mouth run water. Ricky was happily working with Mrs. Beneby. After each batch of ice cream was finished, he sampled it. He thought that this part of the tour was so cool. He also discovered that in each large container was an ingredient for ice creams, such as raisins, pecans, mixed nuts, chocolate chips, and sprinkles.

6 At the end of the tour, Ricky decided to sit and wait until Uncle Ralph was ready. After waiting for five minutes, Ricky was bored. As he walked toward the bathroom, he passed the room where the ice cream was made. He quickly slipped into the room. He went from barrel to barrel, tasting raisins, sprinkles, and chocolate chips. The barrel of nuts was really hard to open. As he pulled the top off, the container turned over. How his heart pounded! He tried to clean up the mess, but he heard Mrs. Beneby coming and quickly ran for cover in an empty barrel. He could hear Mrs. Beneby talking to herself and wondering who spilled the nuts. Ricky waited one minute after he heard Mrs. Beneby leave the room and then quietly crept out. He went back to his original seat and waited for Uncle Ralph. After thinking about it for a while, he told his uncle what he had done. His uncle made him confess to Mrs. Beneby, who commended Ricky for being honest and told him that she hoped that he had learned his lesson.

7 At five o'clock, as he was leaving the factory with his uncle, Mrs. Beneby gave Ricky one gallon of chocolate ice cream. He was so excited that he could not wait to get home and tell his brother and parents about his workday.



Questions

1 Do you think Uncle Ralph is a good uncle?

2a. In what ways are Ricky and his uncle similar?

Similar:

2b. How are they different?

Different:

3 If you were Ricky, would you have confessed to spilling the nuts? Why or why not?
