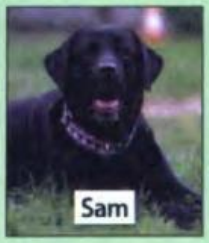
89 Similarities and differences

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.



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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