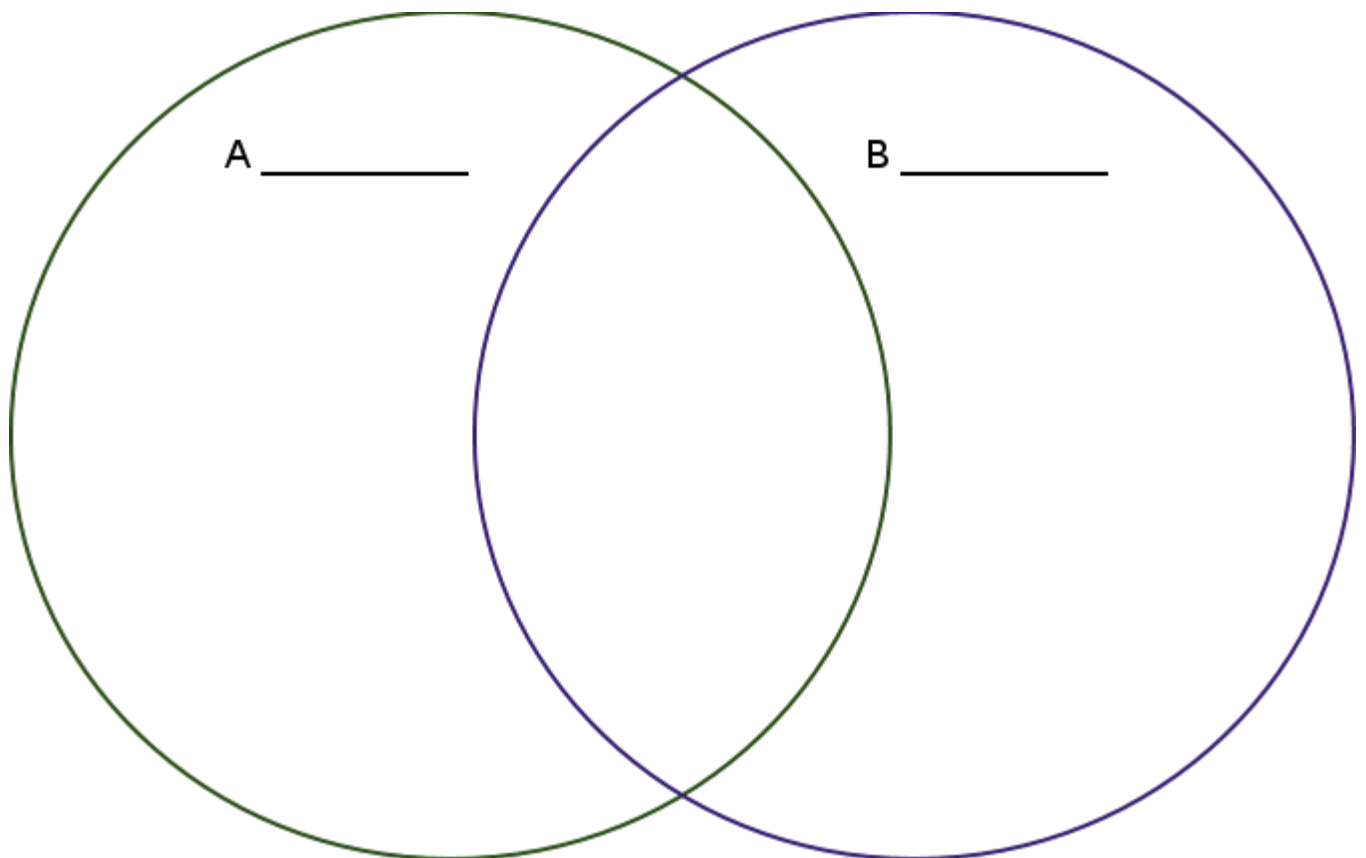


Writing Essays → Writing a Comparative Essay

Level: Elementary School

When you write a comparative essay, you compare (note similarities) and contrast (note differences) of two things. Those things can be people, places, animals, ideas, or results of experiments. Understanding similarities and differences can help your reader form an opinion or choose one thing over another. Brainstorming the things you know that are the same and different is the first step in planning your essay.

Choose two things to compare and contrast. Put their names on each part of the Venn diagram below. Write facts about differences in the outer parts of the circles. Write facts about similarities in the overlapping middle section.



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