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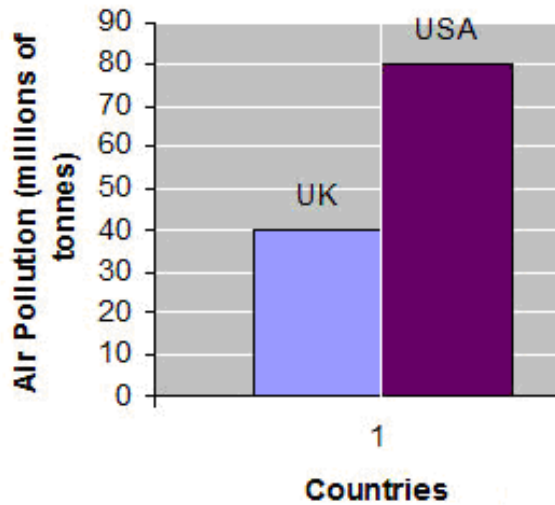
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Section 7: Comparing and Contrasting

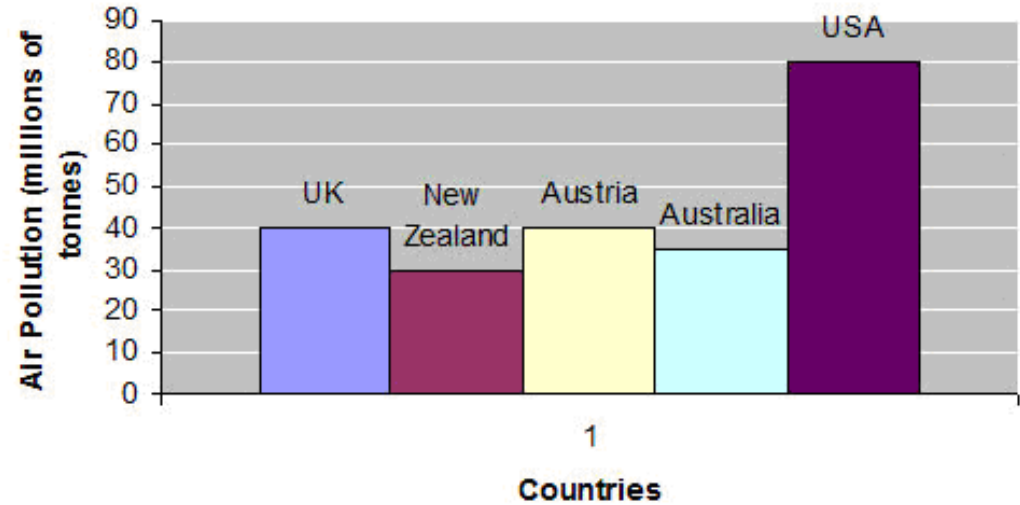
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The Level of Air Pollution in 2 Countries



The Level of Air Pollution in Five Countries



The level of pollution in the US is higher than that in the UK.

The country with the highest level of pollution is USA and the country with the lowest is New Zealand.

Comparative and Superlative

	Example Word	Comparative	Superlative
Words with one syllable	high	higher	the highest
Words with three syllables or more	productive	more productive less productive	the most productive the least productive
Words ending in -y	wealthy	wealthier	the wealthiest
Short words ending with a consonant/vowel/consonant	hot	hotter	the hottest
Irregular	good	better	the best

Acid

Base

- The chemical property is H^+ ions
- The physical property is according to temperature it can be in a solid, liquid or gas form. It can have a sour taste.
- The pH is less than 7.0.

• Examples : Milk, Orange Juice, Apple Juice, Soda and Lemon Juice

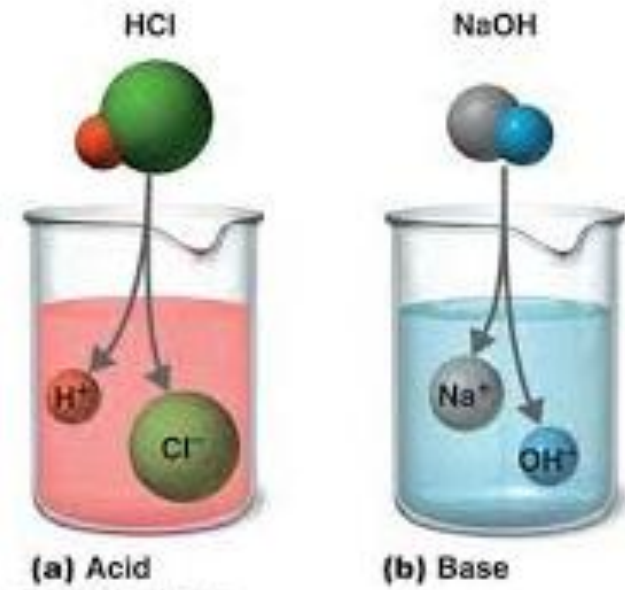
- Can be identified by their common properties.
- Reactive in nature
- Most are soluble in water.

- The chemical property is OH^- ions
- Can feel slippery. Mostly solids except for gas. It can taste bitter.
- The pH is greater than 7.0 and could go up to 14 of stronger bases.

• Examples : Baking Soda, Egg whites, Blood and Soap

Comparing two subjects

- Comparative form of adjectives: better, greater, more significant, less toxic, warmer, colder etc.
- A base becomes **less basic** when mixed with acid, and an acid becomes **less acidic** when mixed with a base.



Comparing two subjects

Both X and Y
Like X, Y
Compared to X
In comparison,
As well as X
In the same way,
Just as
Likewise,
Similarly,
Correspondingly,
At the same time,
X follows a similar trend

Acids/Bases

Both acids and bases
conduct electricity
depending on
the dissociation of ions.

Introductory Sentences: Similarities

The mode of processing used by the right brain

**is similar to that
is comparable to that
is comparable in
complexity to that**

used by the left brain.

There are a number of similarities between X and Y.

The effects of X on human health are similar to those of Y.

Numerous studies have compared Xs in humans and animals and found that they are essentially identical.

Introductory Sentences: Differences

X is **different from** Y in a number of respects.

X **differs from** Y in a number of important ways.

There are a number of important **differences between** X and Y.

Women and men **differ not only in** physical attributes but also in the way in which they ..

Smith (2003)	found observed	distinct significant notable considerable major only slight	differences between X and Y.
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Jones (2013) **found dramatic differences in** the rate of decline of X between Y and Z.

The nervous systems of X **are significantly different from** those of Y in several key features.

Indicating difference in one sentence

Whereas
While

oral societies tend to be more concerned with the present,

literate societies have a very definite awareness of the past.

In contrast to oral communities, it is very difficult to get away from calendar time in literate societies.

Compared with people in oral cultures, people in literate cultures organise their lives around clocks and calendars.

This interpretation

contrasts with that
differs from that
is different from
that

of Smith and Jones (2004) who argue that

Indicating difference across two sentences

It is very difficult to get away from calendar time in literate societies.

By
contrast,
In contrast,
On the
other hand,

many people in oral communities have little idea of the calendar year of their birth

Compare/Contrast essay structure

Block

Introduction

Similarities

Differences

Conclusion

Point by point

Introduction

Point 1 Similarities and differences

Point 2 Similarities and differences

Point 3 Similarities and differences

Conclusion

Compare/Contrast Essay Checklist

	yes	no
Purpose & Supporting Details		
The paper compares and contrasts items clearly.		
The paper points to specific examples to illustrate the comparison.		
The paper includes only the information relevant to the comparison.		
Organization & Structure		
The paper breaks the information into the whole-to-whole, similarities-to-differences, or point-by-point structure.		
The paper follows a consistent order when discussing the comparison.		
The paper breaks the information into appropriate sections or paragraphs to the ideas.		
The introduction paragraph contain a powerful thesis statement		
Word choice is precise, sentences are varied, and grammatical errors are rare or absent.		
The conclusion synthesizes -- or brings together -- the comparison and contrast.		
Transitions & Coherence		
The paper moves smoothly from one idea to the next.		
The paper uses comparison and contrast transition words to show relationships between ideas.		
The paper uses a variety of sentence structures and clear topic sentences.		

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