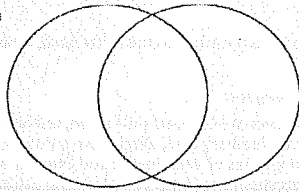
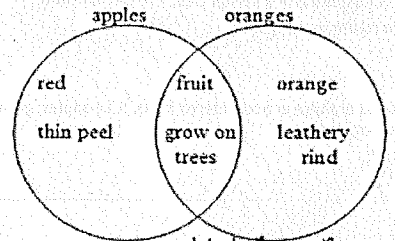


## When writing compare and contrast

First! When you receive a study guide, start with a Venn Diagram to map out the similarities and differences.



Example: Discuss the similarities and differences between apples and oranges.



## NEXT!!!

Follow the gold sheet. Start composing your paragraph. Start by restating the question as a topic sentence.

Question: *Discuss the similarities and differences between apples and oranges.*

Topic Sentence:

1. *Several similarities and difference exist between apples and oranges.*
2. *Apple and oranges have many similarities and differences.*
3. *After studying both fruits, there are more differences between apples and oranges than there are similarities.*

## When writing your paragraph:

If there are more similarities than differences, discuss similarities first!

If there are more differences, discuss the differences first!

ALWAYS discuss one first (similarities or differences) then discuss the other.

## Transitions

When comparing (discussing similarities), use the following:  
*both, also, in common, as well as*

### Example:

Both apples and oranges are considered fruits. Like apples, oranges are also grown on trees.

## Transitions

When contrasting (discussing differences) use the following:

*on the contrary, on the other hand, however, whereas, yet*

### Examples:

Apples are covered with a thin, red peel whereas oranges are covered by a leathery rind. Apples are grown in orchards and can be found in the states of Washington and Oregon. However, oranges are grown in groves in the states of Florida and California.

## Put it all together:

After studying both fruits, there are more differences between apples and oranges than there are similarities. Apples are covered with a thin, red peel whereas oranges are covered by a leathery rind. Apples are grown in orchards and can be found in the states of Washington and Oregon. However, oranges are grown in groves in the states of Florida and California. Despite their differences, apples and oranges have some similarities. Both apples and oranges are considered fruits. Like apples, oranges are also grown on trees. After close examination, apples and oranges have more differences than similarities.

## Do NOT!!!

Do not start a sentence with THEY! Be specific! Who or what are you talking about??

Do not say: They have a peel and the other has a rind.

Do not say: One is orange and one is red.  
 (be specific and write in complete sentences!)

### Compare and contrast that needs improvement:

Apples and oranges are the same but different. (huh??) Apples are red and oranges are orange. They have a peel and oranges have rinds. One is in Washington while the other is in Florida. Now I'm going to tell you about how they are the same. Both are fruits and can be found in trees.