

## Grammar – Making Comparisons

### 20 Great Vocabulary Phrases for Making Comparisons

Use the different vocabulary words and phrases below to practice making comparisons in English:

#### Different from / to:

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| 1. more <i>x</i> / less <i>x</i> / fewer <i>x</i> than ____<br>(less with uncountable, fewer with countable)                                                                                       | He has <b>more</b> books / <b>less</b> time <b>than</b> her.<br>She has <b>fewer</b> books <b>than</b> him.                                                                                               |
| 2. comparative: adjective + -er than ____<br>superlative: the + adjective + -est                                                                                                                   | This book is longer <b>than</b> that one.<br>This book is <b>the</b> longest.                                                                                                                             |
| 3. Common irregular adjectives:<br>good / better than / the best<br>bad / worse than / the worst<br>far / further than / the furthest                                                              | This book is <b>good</b> . It's <b>better than</b> that one.<br>This book is <b>worse than</b> that one. It's <b>the worst</b> .<br>I've read <b>further</b> in this book <b>than</b> you have.           |
| 4. (when) compared to ____ / with ____<br>(when) contrasted with ____<br>in comparison to ____ / with ____<br>in contrast to ____ / by contrast with ____<br>as opposed to ____ / relative to ____ | This book is poor, <b>compared to / with</b> that one.<br><b>when contrasted with</b><br><b>in comparison to / with</b><br><b>in contrast to / by contrast with</b><br><b>as opposed to / relative to</b> |
| 5. twice / <i>x</i> times as ____ as ____                                                                                                                                                          | This book is <b>twice as</b> good <b>as</b> that one.                                                                                                                                                     |
| 6. while / whereas                                                                                                                                                                                 | This book is good, <b>while / whereas</b> that one is better.                                                                                                                                             |
| 7. but<br>however / nevertheless / nonetheless                                                                                                                                                     | I like this book, <b>but</b> that one is better.<br>I like this book. <b>However</b> , that one is better.                                                                                                |
| 8. though / although / even though                                                                                                                                                                 | I like this book, <b>though / although / even though</b> I prefer yours.                                                                                                                                  |
| 9. <i>x</i> differs from <i>x</i> in that ____ / in terms of ____                                                                                                                                  | It <b>differs from</b> that book <b>in that</b> it's longer. / <b>in terms of</b> length.                                                                                                                 |
| 10. on the other hand / conversely                                                                                                                                                                 | I like it, but <b>on the other hand</b> , this book is (far) more interesting.                                                                                                                            |
| 11. despite / in spite of                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Despite</b> beginning slowly, the book quickly improved.                                                                                                                                               |

#### Similar to:

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| 12. similar (to ____)<br>on / along the same lines as ____ | This book is (quite, fairly) <b>similar to</b> that one.<br>This book is (pretty much) <b>on the same lines as</b> that one. |
| 13. similarly / in a similar way<br>like ____              | <b>Similarly</b> , this book is (also) set in Portugal.<br><b>Like</b> that one, this book is romantic fiction.              |
| 14. unlike                                                 | <b>Unlike</b> his previous book, this one is a comic novel.                                                                  |
| 15. have sth in common (with ____)                         | The book <b>has</b> a lot <b>in common with</b> that one.                                                                    |

#### The same as:

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| 16. as ____ as                                            | This book is (just) <b>as</b> good <b>as</b> that one.                                                                         |
| 17. the same as ____ / equal to ____<br>the equal of ____ | This book is <b>the same as / equal to</b> that one.<br>It is (definitely) <b>the equal of</b> this book.                      |
| 18. both / equally                                        | <b>Both</b> books are good. / They're <b>both</b> good.<br><b>Both</b> books are <b>equally</b> good.                          |
| 19. each ____ / all ____ / neither ____ / none ____       | <b>Each</b> of them is good. / <b>Neither</b> of them is very good.                                                            |
| 20. likewise / in the same way                            | <b>Likewise</b> , this book was (also) written by Charles Dickens.<br><b>In the same way</b> , this book deals with nutrition. |