

Comparing and Contrasting

When **comparing** you seek similarities between objects, events, or ideas. When **contrasting** you seek differences between them.

You use comparison and contrast when you

- make most decisions; for example, you compare and contrast movies before you decide which one to see
- you visit a new friend in his or her home; you might compare and contrast the lifestyle of your friend's family against your own
- compare the book to the movie based on the book

In what other situations would you use comparing and contrasting?

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Cluster Question: Punishment or mercy?

Definition: With comparing you seek similarities between objects, events, or ideas. When contrasting, you seek differences between them.

Part A

Directions: For each infraction in the chart on the following screens, list one strict punishment and one merciful punishment. The first one is completed for you as a sample.

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Strict Punishment	Merciful Punishment
Infraction: A teenager steals a dress from a store. It is her first offense.	
<i>She is arrested and sent to a juvenile detention center.</i>	<i>She is arrested and let go with a warning. Her parents ground her for a month.</i>

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Strict Punishment	Merciful Punishment
Infraction: An elderly driver repeatedly runs traffic lights.	

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Strict Punishment	Merciful Punishment
Infraction: An elderly driver repeatedly runs traffic lights.	
His license is taken away and he is told he can never drive again.	His license is suspended for six months. He is required to attend a three-week driving school.

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Strict Punishment	Merciful Punishment
Infraction: A man commits murder.	

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Strict Punishment	Merciful Punishment
Infraction: A man commits murder.	
He is executed by lethal injection.	He spends the rest of his life in prison.

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Part B

Directions: Using the chart on the previous screens, which type of punishment do you think is best for long-term behavior change? Explain your response.
