

L.O. Use a range of conjunctions to compare and contrast information.

Me and my friend are similar and different in ways.

We both love school but we enjoy different subjects.

Whereas I like maths, she love science. On the other hand, when it comes to food, sweet things are our favourite. Likewise, our taste in clothes is similar; we love bright, eye catching items.

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What are conjunctions? What purpose do they have?

Have a quick discussion with your partner and share your ideas with the class.

Conjunctions can help us add to our ideas, contrast them, compare them, explain them and emphasise them. How many different ways can we link these two sentences?

I'd like to go out for the day.

The dogs need a walk.

Today, we will focus specifically on those conjunctions that contrast differences and compare similarities:

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Read your copy of the following passage with your partner, then use two colours to underline any conjunctions that compare similarities or contrast differences:

Both of us own dogs, and although they are similar in many ways, there are also some differences.

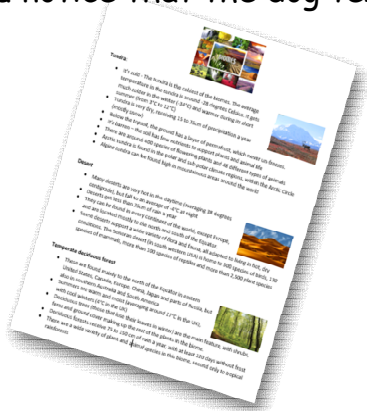
In the same way that your dog has long hair, mine has a rough coat, which takes a lot of looking after. Both of them need grooming every day; they also need a bath at least once a week in the wet months of winter. My dog is quite large and has a big appetite; similarly, yours eats two tins of dog food a day and always seems to be hungry.

However, here the similarities end. Your dog is so active and full of energy, that you have to get up an hour earlier than me to walk it at least four miles in the morning, whatever the weather. On the other hand, my dog is incredibly lazy and practically needs to be dragged out of its bed, especially if it's raining. Instead of an enthusiastic tail-wagging greeting, I am met with a pair of doleful eyes that seem to beg me for another half an hour's sleep. This suits me, though, because unlike you, I'm as lazy as my dog.

Despite the fact that our dogs have different characteristics, we both love our pets and they suit our own personalities down to the ground.

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Now it's your turn to compare and contrast the information given about three of the biomes. You can also use the passage about dogs to give you some ideas about how to use the conjunctions and how to set out your writing - for instance, did you notice that the dog text had a short introduction and conclusion?



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