

Read your compare and contrast essay out loud. Change anything that doesn't sound right. Use this editing checklist to help you. Try to aim for a check mark in each box.

Introduction

- My introduction begins with an attention grabber.
- My introduction has at least three sentences.
- My introduction ends with the main idea of my essay.

Body

- The body of my essay has at least three paragraphs.
- Each paragraph of the body starts with a topic sentence.
- Each paragraph of the body has at least three supporting sentences.
- Each paragraph of the body has a conclusion sentence.

Conclusion

- My conclusion has at least three sentences.
- My conclusion restates my main idea.
- My conclusion answers the question, "So what?"

Unity

- My essay flows well and makes sense.
- My essay uses transition words.
- My essay is interesting.

Subject Matter

- My essay has different sentences – short, long, compound, complex.
- My essay uses descriptive words.
- All parts of my essay support my main idea.

Grammar/Mechanics

- All words are spelled correctly.
- There are no grammatical mistakes.
- There are no punctuation errors.
- There are no fragments.
- There are no run-on sentences.

