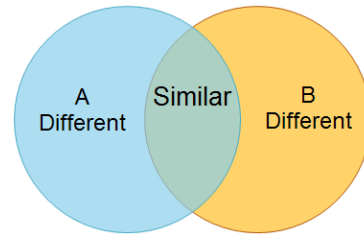


### Lesson 3 Compare-Contrast



**Goal:** Identify similarities and differences in different computing items

**Objectives:**

1. Learn about the compare/contrast organization pattern
2. Write a paragraph comparing and contrasting different computing items

**Comparison Paragraph**

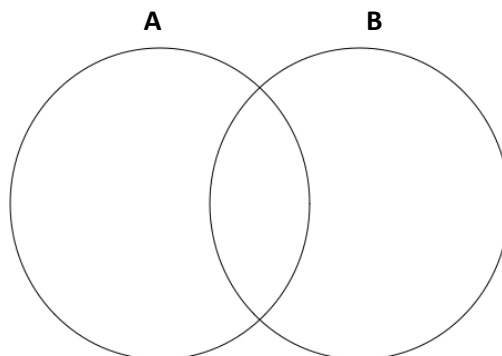
A comparison paragraph involves comparing (identifying similarities) and/or contrasting (identifying differences). Words often found in this type of paragraph include:

<b>In contrast other hand</b>	<b>Meanwhile</b>	<b>Likewise</b>	<b>While</b>	<b>On the</b>
<b>Although with</b>	<b>Similarly</b>	<b>Different from</b>	<b>Both</b>	<b>Compared</b>
<b>Instead of</b>	<b>Whereas</b>	<b>However</b>	<b>But</b>	

(From: [www.teachers.ash.org.au/vsshhistory/HistorySkills/2Paragraphs.doc](http://www.teachers.ash.org.au/vsshhistory/HistorySkills/2Paragraphs.doc))

**Pre-Writing task 1: Clustering “Desktop computers vs. Laptop computers”.** Classify some similarities and some differences. Put the letters in the corresponding place in the Venn diagram (A= Desktops; B= Laptop. Similarities in the middle)

- a- Wide variety of components
- b- Wide variety of prices
- c- Easy repairing
- d- Portable
- e- Difficult repairing
- f- A specific place is needed for installing it.



### Sample of a comparison paragraph

#### Pre-Writing task 2: Read “Desktop computers vs. Laptop computers”



When deciding between purchasing a desktop computer or a laptop computer, you will need to consider pros and cons, and choose according to your needs. On the one hand, there is a wide variety of component options available for desktops, allowing for a large range of prices, but the starting point is relatively cheap. Desktops are large in size and have a separate monitor. As a result, they are designed to be used in a single location and not moved around much. Different from laptops, repairing a desktop computer is much easier since the hardware is available in any local computer retail store. On the other hand, laptops can have a fairly wide variety of component options, but they are more limited than desktops'. And, the price can be considerably higher depending on the brand. Nevertheless, laptops are very portable due to their compact size. For most users, repairing a laptop can be difficult or almost impossible, so this should be born in mind before buying one. In the end, the final decision depends on what your needs are.

Adapted from: <https://www.computerhope.com/>

#### Pre-writing Task: Brainstorming & Organizing your ideas

First, think about computing items/issues like the one you have read above. Then, choose one of them to write about.

**Writing Task:** Write a paragraph using the Compare-Contrast Organization Pattern. (about 100 words)