

From Plan To Paragraphs Answer Key

Student essays will vary. A correct response should:

- Include **five paragraphs**: introduction, three body paragraphs, and a conclusion.
- Follow the outline closely, addressing interaction, structure, and environment.
- Use clear compare and contrast language such as **both**, **while**, **however**, and **in contrast**.
- Present accurate details based on the outline.

Sample Introduction: Many students today experience both online and in person learning. While schools use each method to teach students effectively, these two class styles differ in how students interact, how the day is structured, and what the learning environment feels like.

Sample Body Point (from Interaction paragraph): Although both class types allow students to communicate with teachers, online classes rely on messages and video calls, while in person classes support natural face to face discussions.

Sample Conclusion: Online and in person classes each help students learn, but they offer different kinds of experiences. Understanding their similarities and differences can help students choose the method that works best for them.

Teacher's Guide

- Review the purpose of an **outline** and how it supports organized writing.
- Model one paragraph using a section of the outline before students begin.
- For differentiation:
 - Provide sentence starters for each paragraph.
 - Allow students who need support to draft one paragraph at a time with feedback checkpoints.
- For engagement:
 - Let students discuss which learning style they prefer before writing.
- For extension:
 - Ask students to create their own compare and contrast outline on a new topic, then exchange outlines with a partner to write from.