

Objective Rewrite Answer Key

Answers will vary. A correct response should remove judgment words, use neutral tone, and present balanced comparisons.

Sample Objective Rewrite: Textbooks and online articles both provide information to readers, but they differ in how that information is created and reviewed. Textbooks typically go through an editing and fact checking process before publication, while online articles can be updated quickly and may vary in quality depending on the source. Despite these differences, both formats can be useful for learning when readers evaluate the credibility of the author and the purpose of the text.

Teacher's Guide

- Remind students that academic writing should avoid **loaded language**, such as obviously, way better, or lazy.
- Explain how a strong compare and contrast paragraph presents **both sides** with evidence or reasoning, not opinion or assumptions.
- Encourage students to highlight biased words before rewriting so they can see exactly what needs to change.
- For differentiation:
 - Provide a list of neutral academic verbs such as *states*, *explains*, *describes*, *presents*, and *notes*.
 - Allow emerging writers to use a sentence frame like "Both ____ and ____..., but they differ in ____."
- For engagement:
 - Have students rewrite biased statements from actual peer examples (with names removed).
- For extension:
 - Ask students to write a second paragraph evaluating which source is more useful for a specific purpose, using only evidence based reasoning rather than opinion.