

Gadget Showdown Answer Key

Answers will vary. Below are examples of acceptable responses.

Part A Sample Differences:

1. A tablet stores thousands of files, while a notebook can only hold what is written on its pages.
2. A tablet requires charging, but a notebook never needs power.
3. A tablet allows quick searching, while a notebook requires flipping through pages.

Part B Sample Strongest Difference:

A tablet stores and organizes information much more efficiently than a notebook.

Part C Sample Paragraph:

A tablet stores and organizes information much more efficiently than a notebook. Students can keep homework, readings, and notes all in one place without losing pages. They can also search for information quickly, which saves time during studying. Because of these benefits, a tablet can make schoolwork faster and more organized.

Teacher's Guide

- Use this activity when teaching students how to **focus on the most meaningful contrast**, not just list random differences.
- Before students begin, model how to evaluate which difference is the strongest by asking: Which one affects the user the most? Which difference changes how the item is used?
- Encourage students to brainstorm more than three differences if needed, then narrow them down.
- For engagement:
 - Invite students to bring two safe classroom objects to compare and repeat the activity with new pairs.
- For extension:
 - Have students turn their paragraph into a short expository essay by adding an introduction and conclusion.