

Place Contrast Answer Key

Student responses will vary. A correct response should include:

- Two identified places that make sense for comparison.
- At least one similarity described clearly.
- At least two differences described with specific details.
- A short comparison paragraph that includes both **similarities** and **differences** using descriptive language.
- Examples of strong comparison choices include:
 - similarity: **Both places have tall structures.**
 - difference in look: **One has glowing crystal towers while the other has stone buildings.**
 - difference in sensory detail: **One is filled with quiet wind sounds while the other is loud with traffic or crowds.**

Teacher's Guide

- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Provide sentence starters such as **Both places have...**, **However, one place...**, **Unlike the first place...**
 - Allow the use of a Venn diagram before writing for students who need visual organization.
 - Offer lists of sensory words to help students describe differences more clearly.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Have students choose one real place and one imaginary place to spark creativity.
 - Let students share comparisons with partners and guess the places described.
 - Encourage students to illustrate the two places after writing their comparison.
- **Extension Ideas:**
 - Ask students to expand their comparison into a full descriptive essay.
 - Invite students to create a class booklet of two-place comparisons.
 - Challenge students to rewrite their paragraph from the point of view of someone who lives in one of the places.