

IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES

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WHEN WRITING ABOUT SIMILARITIES:

1. **like:** (... gibi) (preposition) + Noun/Pronoun

e.g. The dog, **like** the cat, is a household pet.

e.g. **Like** Ayşe, my best friend never smokes and drinks.

e.g. **Like** Iraq, Iran is an Islamic country. or Iran, **like** Iraq, is an Islamic country.

just like: (tıpkı, çok benzer)

e.g. An LCD TV is **just like** an LCD monitor.

e.g. You are **just like** my father.

2. **both ... and.....:** (hem... hem de...) In the subject position, it takes a plural verb.

e.g. **Both** the dog **and** the cat make good household pets, but a dog requires more attention than a cat. (It is followed a verb in plural form.)

e.g. **Both** Istanbul **and** London are famous for their historical landmarks.

e.g. I love **both** soccer **and** volleyball.

3. **similarity:** noun /Countable/

e.g. The main/major/outstanding **similarities** between working from home and working in an office are the salary you get and the workload you have.

e.g. The main/major/outstanding **similarity** between a laptop and a smart phone is their size.

4. **have in common:** to share



a lot of things

much/a lot

a number of things

loads of things

several/a few things

very few things

e.g. Istanbul and Izmir **have** a lot of things in common.

(= Istanbul and Izmir **share** a lot of things.)

e.g. Melda and her boyfriend **have** very few things in common.

5. **a lot / far / much / even** + **a comparative adjective** (e.g. bigger, more handsome, etc.)

e.g. I have **a lot more** responsibility now than I did five years ago.

e.g. My mom is **far more tolerant** than my sister. (Annem, kızkardeşimden **çok daha hoşgörülü.**)

e.g. Istanbul is **much bigger** than Sinop.

e.g. Selin is **even lazier** than Canan. (Selin, Canan'dan **çok daha tembel.**)

6. **similar:** (adjective) benzer

e.g. My house and my car are **similar** in many ways.

e.g. Turkey and Bosnia have a lot of **similar** historical monuments. (similar + noun)

e.g. I.U and M.U face **similar** technical problems in online educational system.

similar to e.g. The flowers in Sudan are **similar to** those (the flowers) in my country.

e.g. New York and Tokyo are **similar to** each other in several aspects.

e.g. Samsun is **similar in climate to** Sinop.

e.g. Arzu is **similar in physical appearance to** my girlfriend.

7. A full sentence . **Likewise/Similarly**, a full sentence
(benzer şekilde)

e.g. My uncle spends his time watching TV. **Likewise**, his son watches cartoons on TV every day.

e.g. London is the financial heart of Great Britain. **Similarly**, Istanbul is an important center of banking and finance.

e.g. After work, I usually go home, eat dinner, and flop down onto the sofa to watch a video. **Likewise / Similarly**, at weekends, I usually take long trips out-of-town in my car.

8. **alike**: (adjective) similar “alike + noun”

e.g. My phone and her tablet are **alike** in colour.

e.g. His mom and his girlfriend are **alike** in mood.

alike: (adverb) in a similar way

e.g. I treat my home and my car **alike**. e.g. Ayşe and Rana think **alike**.

e.g. Ceyda and Meryem believe **alike**.

9. **the same**: adjective (aynı)

e.g. My brother and I are **the same** in eye colour.

e.g. My brother and Ayşe have **the same eye colour**. (the same + noun)

e.g. The subway system in New York is **the same as** the one in Tokyo.

e.g. Your mobile phone is **the same** in speed and colour **as** my table computer.

10. , **too**: (de, da) e.g. Tokyo is densely populated. New York is overpopulated, **too**.

11. **equally**: (adverb) e.g. Istanbul and Athens are equally noisy.

12. **as.....as**: (...-e kadar) It expresses **equality** between two things/people/places, etc.

e.g. Çankırı is **as populated as** my hometown. (adjective)

e.g. Burak can speak Greek **as fluently as** Yorgo. (adverb)

e.g. I have got **as much food as** you. (much + uncountable noun)

e.g. They hired **as many entertainers as** possible. (many + plural noun)

13. **not only but also** (sadece değil, ayrıca da)

e.g. Mersin and Antalya **not only lie** in the Mediterranean Region **but also have** similar cuisine.
(It connects two verbs.)

e.g. Mersin and Antalya are **not only touristic but also agricultural** cities.
(It connects two adjectives.)

14. **neither nor** (ne ne de)

e.g. Mr. Al and Mrs. Red are **neither strict nor indifferent** lecturers. (It connects two adjectives.)

e.g. Jennifer and Mary **neither smoke nor drink**. (It connects two verbs.)

WHEN WRITING ABOUT DIFFERENCES:

1. **difference**: noun /Countable/

e.g. The main/major/outstanding **differences** between High School and College are the assignments, exams, and absences.

e.g. The main/major/outstanding **difference** between Kocaeli and İstanbul is how densely they are populated.

2. **different (from): adjective** e.g. Çorum and Samsun are **different** in several ways.
e.g. Istanbul is completely **different from** Berlin.

3. **unlike: (preposition) + Noun/Pronoun** (...-den farklı olarak, ...-e benzemeksizin)

e.g. The dog, **unlike** the cat, is dependent on its master.
e.g. **Unlike Turkey**, Germany is a member of the EU.
Germany, **unlike Turkey**, is a member of the EU.
e.g. **Unlike Mr Al**, our math teacher is very strict.

4. **Though / Even though / Although: (-e rağmen)**

e.g. **Although** Havana is a city which is popular with tourists, Rio is **much more** popular.

5. **A full sentence . On the contrary, a full sentence**
(aksine)

e.g. Life in cities is crazily expensive. **On the contrary**, almost everything is free in villages.
e.g. In High School, the teachers are always onto you (=speak to you) about attendance. **On the contrary**, in College, the teachers do not care whether or not you are in class.
e.g. I was not indifferent to her problems last year. **On the contrary**, I did my best to help her.

6. **whereas/while: oysa, halbuki**

e.g. My parents are poor, **whereas** theirs are very rich.
e.g. Ali supports FB, **while** his wife is a fan of GS.

whereas/while: -e rağmen

e.g. **Whereas** their parents are very rich, mine are poor.
e.g. **While** his wife is a fan of GS, Ali supports FB.

7. **A full sentence . However, a full sentence**

e.g. Rock music is often very fast; **however**, folk music is usually very slow.
e.g. Rock music is often very fast. **However**, folk music is usually very slow.
e.g. Rock music is often very fast. Folk music, **however**, is usually very slow.
e.g. Rock music is often very fast. Folk music is usually very slow, **however**.

8. **to differ / vary: (farklılık göstermek)**

e.g. Beşiktaş and Fenerbahçe **differ** in colour. e.g. Burak and Celil **vary** in richness.

to differ from / vary from: (.... -den farklıdır.)

e.g. Beşiktaş **differs from** Fenerbahçe in colour. e.g. Burak **varies from** Celil in richness.

9. **A full sentence . On the other hand, a full sentence**

e.g. The cookies Ayşe made are tough and overcooked. **On the other hand**, the fish is terrific.
(The cookies Ayşe made are tough and overcooked. The fish, **on the other hand**, is terrific.)

10. **On the one hand, but on the other hand,** (Bir taraftan, fakat diğer taraftan

e.g. On one hand, Istanbul is expensive, but on the other hand, it provides you with a lot of opportunities.
e.g. On one hand, we'd like to go clubbing tonight, but on the other hand, we need to get up very early tomorrow.

11. **In comparison with/to (something)** or **By comparison with (something)**: (...ile kıyaslandığında)

e.g. In comparison to other *Çalılıkıuşu*, *Sinekli Bakkal* isn't very exciting.

e.g. By comparison with other Anatolian football teams, Trabzonspor is very successful.

12. A full sentence . **In contrast**, a full sentence .

e.g. My mom is a modern woman. **In contrast**, my wife is more of a traditionalist.

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