**Writing frames - Writing a comparison**

Comparing: historical events/periods, biological phenomena, populations in geography

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| **Description 1** | **conjunctions for making comparisons**  Unlike (item 1), (item 2) is … / Like (item 1), (item 2) …  A similarity / difference between (item 1) and (item 2) is …  (item 1) is … whereas (item 2) is …  (item 1) is …. Similarly, (item 2) is …  (item 1) and (item 2) are alike / similar because they share / both have …  Where / While (item 1) is … (item 2) is …  (item 1) and (item 2) are different because while / where (item 1) is …, (item 2) is …  Another way in which (item 1) is similar to / different from (item 2) is …  (likewise, neverthless, however, in contrast, despite, but, yet, on one hand … on the other …, also, too, even though, although)  **comparative / superlative adjectives express differences between two items**  (item 1) is bigger / smaller than (item 2),  (item 1) has the biggest / smallest …  The bigger the … , the more the …  (item 1) has less … than (item 2)  (item 1) is not as big as (item 2)  **verb phrases for comparing / contrasting two items**  The … in (item 1) are similar to / different from the … in (Item 2)  The … in (item 1) resemble / differ from the … in (item 2) in terms of … | **Description 2** |
| (notes/statements about item 1)  It is … (description) / It has … (description) / It shows … (description) / It does … (function) / It is located … (location) / It is made up of … (structure) | (notes/statements about item 2)  It is … (description) / It has … (description) / It shows … (description) / It does … (function) / It is located … (location) / It is made up of … (structure) |
| **Similarities** | **differences** |
| (common/shared characteristics) | (distinctive features/differences) |

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| **Draw conclusions from your comparison** |
| This comparison shows…  We can see that …  It can be said that …  For the most part …  As a result …  In summary …  We can conclude that …  It can be concluded that …  This means (that) … |

For more language on comparisons:

http://www.onestopenglish.com/clil/clil-teacher-magazine/your-clil/comparisons/

For more language on conclusions and findings:

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Visuals for comparisons can also be used to help support writing

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| Venn Diagram  list characteristics of item 1  list characteristics of item 2  list shared characteristics | put language support in separate sections |

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| Table  give items in columns  give characteristics in rows | put language support on borders |

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| Illustrations  give characteristics as labels | put language support between two images |