

Practise and consolidate your learning about making comparisons by completing our activities. Remember you can refer to the study notes if you need help.

ACTIVITY 1

Identify the function of the **highlighted transition signal** in the sentences.

Question 1: Nowadays, more people own their own home, **whereas** in the past people generally rented.

Answer:

- a. comparing
- b. contrasting
- c. generalising

Question 2: Motor vehicle accidents **are** often **caused by** slippery road conditions.

Answer:

- a. contrasting
- b. explaining
- c. cause/effect

Question 3: **It could be argued** that the advantages of wearing seatbelts far outweigh the disadvantages.

Answer:

- a. expressing an opinion
- b. comparing
- c. generalising

Question 4: The statistics for this quarter are strong **compared with** the last quarter.

Answer:

- a. contrasting
- b. comparing
- c. adding similar ideas

Question 5: The company has performed well, **not only** in the home country, **but also** throughout South-east Asia.

Answer:

- a. adding similar ideas
- b. generalising
- c. introducing an opposite idea



- Question 6:** The most significant feature is the feedback mechanism on the laser.
- Answer:**
- a. being precise
 - b. emphasising a point
 - c. adding similar ideas
- Question 7:** The school's priority, **for the most part**, is to ensure the safety of its pupils.
- Answer:**
- a. expressing alternatives
 - b. being precise
 - c. generalising
- Question 8:** John's contract was not renewed – **in other words**, management wasn't happy with his performance and he was terminated.
- Answer:**
- a. explaining
 - b. generalising
 - c. comparing
- Question 9:** **In summary**, recycling offers many benefits to the environment.
- Answer:**
- a. giving examples
 - b. concluding
 - c. explaining
- Question 10:** **Secondly**, industrial waste is destroying the environment.
- Answer:**
- a. giving examples
 - b. listing ideas
 - c. introducing an opposite idea

ACTIVITY 2

Choose the most appropriate comparative adjective from the box below to complete the sentence.

stronger	easier	tastier	more	higher
nicer	harder	sooner	sportier	warmer

Question 1:

The more profitable the company is, the _____ the return on shares.

Question 2:

The spicier the dish (is), the _____ it becomes.

Question 3:

The longer the wine ages, the _____ the bouquet.

Question 4:

In Australia, the farther north you travel, the _____ it gets.

Question 5:

The _____ the car is, the more expensive it becomes.

Question 6:

The more exercise you do, the _____ you become.

Question 7:

The sooner you start the project, the _____ you'll finish.

Question 8:

The more you earn, the _____ you spend.

Question 9:

The stronger the lock (is), the _____ it is to break.

Question 10:

The taller the basketball player, the _____ it is for him to score.

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Question 3:

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