

# Skill Builders: Writing - Thesis Statement – Compare and Contrast

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The **thesis statement** is that sentence or two in your text that **contains the focus of your essay and tells your reader what the essay is going to be about.** Although it is certainly possible to write a good essay without a thesis statement the lack of a thesis statement may well be a symptom of an essay beset by a lack of focus.

A **comparison** is the **process of showing how things are alike;**

! **contrast** is the **process of showing differences.**

In comparing and contrasting ideas we use conjunctions.

To **compare** the ideas if they are similar in some way. Here are some words.

like	similar to	also	as	in the same way
and	similarly	likewise	agree	

You can see the whole lesson from your teacher, please ask them to send it to you before the class.

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