Compare and Contrast:

What is the Purpose?

* Compare
  + To show the between at least two things
* Contrast
  + To show the between two things
* The two things to be compared must have enough in to justify the comparison.
* In making comparisons, you should move beyond the .
  + (i.e., people and bees)
* Make sure you treat the same or similar elements for each subject you will discuss:
  + Do discuss entirely different elements for each subject.

Formulating a Thesis Statement

* Identify:
  + The subjects to be in your essay.
  + you will make about them.
* Indicate whether you will focus on similarities or differences, or the two.
* Weak Thesis Statements
  + They are both somewhat alike and somewhat different.
  + I can see some similarities and some differences too.
  + Both of them involve (only a single similarity, no differences).
* Stronger Thesis
  + Ralph and Jack have very different leadership styles and motivations which leads to the eventual chaos and anarchy on the island.
* Sample Thesis Statement for Honda/BMW Comparison/Contrast
  + In order to make a decision between the Honda Civic and the BMW, I used the following criteria: price of the vehicle, average mileage, and price of insurance.

Transitions

* To Compare
* as
* in the same way
* like
* likewise
* similarly
* comparable
* in addition
* To Contrast
* although
* but
* even though
* on the other hand
* otherwise
* still
* conversely
* as opposed to
* different from
* whereas

Review

* Make sure you understand the purpose of the assignment
* Gather
* Create a thesis statement
* Choose an organizational
* Write an outline
* Write a working draft
* as needed