

**contrast****1. [ˈkɒntrɑːst] n****1. контраст, различие; противоположность**

for the sake of contrast - для контраста

profound contrast - глубокое различие

there was a striking contrast between the two friends - два друга были совершенно непохожи

he is a great contrast to his predecessor - он полная противоположность своему предшественнику

to form /to offer, to present/ a contrast to - контрастировать с

the white walls make a contrast with /to/ the black carpet - белые стены контрастируют с чёрным ковром

**2. противопоставление сопоставление**

in contrast with - а) по сравнению с

my marks in contrast to yours are excellent - у меня отличные отметки, не то, что у тебя б) в противоположность (чему-л., кому-л.)

**2. [kənˈtrɑːst] v (with)****1. сопоставлять, сравнивать, противопоставлять**

contrast Tom with his brother - сравните Тома с его братом

in his book the writer contrasts the idle rich with /and/ working classes - в своей книге автор противопоставляет паразитирующих богачей трудящимся классам

**2. 1) контрастировать**

the deep red colour contrasted beautifully with the black - тёмно-красный цвет прекрасно контрастировал с чёрным

the two brothers contrasted sharply both in appearance and character - два брата резко отличались друг от друга внешностью и характером

her pallor contrasted strongly with her dark eyes and hair - чёрные глаза и волосы подчёркивали бледность её лица

**2) противоречить, расходиться**

his actions contrast with his promises - его поступки не вяжутся с его обещаниями

**contrast**

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**contrast AW [contrast contrasts contrasted contrasting] noun, verb**noun BrE [ˈkɒntrɑːst] <sup>m</sup> ; NAmE [ˈkɑːntræs] <sup>m</sup>**1. countable, uncountable** a difference between two or more people or things that you can see clearly when they are compared or put close together; the fact of comparing two or more things in order to show the differences between them

- ~ **(between A and B)** There is an obvious contrast between the cultures of East and West.
- ~ **(to sb/sth)** The company lost \$7 million this quarter **in contrast to** a profit of \$6.2 million a year earlier.
- The situation when we arrived was in **marked contrast** to the news reports.
- The poverty of her childhood **stands in total contrast to** her life in Hollywood.
- ~ **(with sb/sth)** to show a **sharp/stark/striking contrast** with sth
- ~ **(in sth)** A wool jacket complements the silk trousers and provides an interesting contrast in texture.
- When you look at their new system, ours seems very old-fashioned **by contrast**.
- ~ **(of sth)** Careful contrast of the two plans shows some important differences.

**2. countable, usually singular ~ (to sb/sth)** a person or thing that is clearly different from sb/sth else

- The work you did today is quite a contrast to (= very much better/worse than) what you did last week.

**3. uncountable** differences in colour or in light and dark, used in photographs and paintings to create a special effect

- The artist's use of contrast is masterly.

**4. uncountable** the amount of difference between light and dark in a photograph or the picture on a television screen

- Use this button to adjust the contrast.

Word Origin:late 17th cent. (as a term in fine art, in the sense 'juxtapose so as to bring out differences in form and colour'): from French **contraste** (noun), **contraster** (verb), via Italian from medieval Latin **contrastare**, from Latin **contra-** 'against' + **stare** 'stand'.Thesaurus:**contrast** noun C, U

- the contrast between East and West

**difference** • • **variation** • • **distinction** • |formal **disparity** •a contrast/difference/variation/distinction/disparity **between** A and Ba contrast/difference/variation/distinction/disparity **in** sth**see/be aware of/look at** a contrast/difference/variation/distinctionLanguage Bank:**contrast***Highlighting differences*

- This survey **highlights a number of differences in** ▪ the way that teenage boys and girls in the UK spend their free time.
- One of the main differences between** ▪ the girls **and** ▪ the boys who took part in the research was the way in which they use the Internet.
- Unlike** ▪ the girls, who use the Internet mainly to keep in touch with friends, the boys questioned in this survey tend to use the Internet for playing computer games.
- The girls **differ from** ▪ the boys **in that** ▪ they tend to spend more time keeping in touch with friends on the telephone or on social networking websites.
- Compared to** ▪ the boys, the girls spend much more time chatting to friends on the telephone.

▪ On average the girls spend four hours a week chatting to friends on the phone. **In contrast** ▪, very few of the boys spend more than five minutes a day talking to their friends in this way.

▪ The boys prefer competitive sports and computer games, **whereas** ▪ / **while** ▪ the girls seem to enjoy more cooperative activities, such as shopping with friends.

▪ When the girls go shopping, they mainly buy clothes and cosmetics. The boys, **on the other hand** ▪, tend to purchase computer games or gadgets.

Language Banks at ↑generally, ↑illustrate, ↑proportion, ↑similarly, ↑surprising

### Example Bank:

- Her hair was black, a stunning contrast to her pale complexion.
- In contrast, the south suffered very little hurricane damage.
- The company lost \$13 million this year, in contrast with a profit of \$15 million last year.
- The contrast between the sisters was very strong.
- The contrast in appearance between the sisters was striking.
- The flowers provide a contrast with the dark background.
- The fresh fruit provides a contrast to the rich chocolate pudding.
- The two cities make an interesting contrast.
- The writer emphasizes the contrast between conventional and alternative medicine.
- Their attitudes to marriage stand in stark contrast to those of their parents.
- There is a stark contrast between the lives of the rich and those of the poor.
- This busy social life was a complete contrast to his old quiet life.
- When you look at their new system, ours seems very old-fashioned by contrast.
- A wool jacket with silk trousers provides an interesting contrast in texture.
- The work you did today is quite a contrast to what you did last week.
- There is a striking contrast between the two painters' work.

verb **BrE** [kən'trɑ:st] <sup>ˈ</sup> ; **NAmE** [kən'træst] <sup>ˈ</sup>

**1. transitive ~ (A and/with B)** to compare two things in order to show the differences between them

- It is interesting to contrast the British legal system with the American one.
- The poem contrasts youth and age.
- Compare and contrast the two novels.

**2. intransitive ~ (with sth)** to show a clear difference when close together or when compared

- Her actions **contrasted sharply** with her promises.
- Her actions and her promises contrasted sharply.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	contrast
	BrE /kən'trɑ:st/
	NAmE /kən'træst/
he / she / it	contrasts
	BrE /kən'trɑ:sts/
	NAmE /kən'træsts/
past simple, past participle	contrasted
	BrE /kən'trɑ:stɪd/
	NAmE /kən'træstɪd/
-ing form	contrasting
	BrE /kən'trɑ:stɪŋ/
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Thesaurus:

**contrast** verb

**1. T**

- The poem contrasts youth and age.

**compare** • |formal **juxtapose** •

**Opp: liken**

contrast/compare/juxtapose **A and/with B**

contrast/compare sth **unfavourably/favourably** with sth

**2. I**

- Her actions contrasted sharply with her promises.

**conflict** • • **contradict** • • **be at odds with sth** •

**Opp: match**

contrast/conflict/be at odds **with sth**

contrasting/conflicting **opinions/personalities/emotions**

Example Bank:

- Compare and contrast the two main characters in the play.
- He contrasted her brashness unfavourably with his mother's gentleness.

- His cream shirt contrasted beautifully with his tan skin.
- The open approach contrasts favourably with the exclusivity of some universities.
- This statement contrasts starkly with his previous statements.

## contrast

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

I. **contrast**<sup>1</sup> **W2 AC** /'kɒntrɑːst/ 'kɑːntræst *BrE* <sup>AmE</sup> *noun*

[Word Family: verb: ↑contrast; noun: ↑contrast; adjective: ↑contrasting]

1. **[uncountable and countable]** a difference between people, ideas, situations, things etc that are being compared:

While there are similarities in the two cultures, there are also great contrasts.

### contrast between

the economic and social contrasts between the poor and the rich

### contrast with

The marble is smooth and polished, making a strong contrast with the worn stonework around it.

### by contrast (to/with)

The birth rate for older women has declined, but, by contrast, births to teenage mothers have increased.

### in contrast (to/with)

The stock lost 60 cents a share, in contrast to last year, when it gained 21 cents.

### (in) stark/marked/sharp etc contrast to something

The winter heat wave in California is a stark contrast to the below-freezing temperatures on the East Coast.

The spirited mood on Friday was in sharp contrast to the tense atmosphere last week.

The approach to learning at this school stands in marked contrast to the traditional methods used at other schools nearby.

2. **[countable]** something that is very different from something else:

The sauce is quite sweet, so add dried thyme as a contrast.

### contrast to

The red stems of this bush provide a contrast to the drab brown of the winter garden.

3. **[uncountable]** the degree of difference between the light and dark parts of a television picture, ↑X-ray, ↑photocopy etc:

This button adjusts the contrast.

4. **[uncountable]** the differences in colour, or between light and dark, that an artist uses in paintings or photographs to make a particular effect:

The artist has used contrast marvelously in his paintings.

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## COLLOCATIONS

### adjectives

- **a complete/total contrast** A complete contrast in building style can be seen in Commercial Road.
- **a sharp/stark/strong contrast** (=very great) There is a sharp contrast between the type of people who read the two newspapers.
- **a marked/striking contrast** (=very noticeable) I noticed a marked contrast in his behaviour before and after treatment.
- **a startling contrast** (=very noticeable and surprising) The big modern factories make a startling contrast to the opposite side of the road.
- **a dramatic contrast** (=great and surprising) Alaska is a land of dramatic contrast.
- **an interesting contrast** the interesting contrast between his early and later paintings
- **a clear/obvious contrast** There was a clear contrast between the father and the son.

### verbs

- **make a contrast** The fruit and the meat make a delicious contrast of flavours.
- **draw a contrast** (=say there is a contrast) It is tempting to draw sharp contrasts between religion and science.
- **provide/offer contrast** The plant is very attractive, and provides excellent contrast to other plants.
- **highlight a contrast** (=make a contrast very obvious) The research will highlight the contrasts between different approaches to taxation.
- **stand in sharp/stark etc contrast to something** The mountains stand in stark contrast to the area around them.

### phrases

- **in direct contrast to something/somebody** (=completely different to something or someone) She's fun and warm and amusing – in direct contrast to James.
- **in sharp/stark etc contrast** We are still getting some sun, in marked contrast to last year's everlasting grey skies.

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## THESAURUS

- **difference** a detail, fact, or quality that makes one person or thing different from another: We should think about the similarities between cultures, not the differences. | **difference between**: Try and spot the differences between these two pictures. | The difference between the two cheeses is that one is made from goat's milk. | **difference in**: I don't think there's any difference in the way you pronounce these two words. | **know the difference**: He's speaking Italian, not Spanish. Don't you know the difference?
- **contrast** a very clear difference that you can easily see when you compare two things or people: **contrast between something/somebody and something/somebody**: What surprised me was the contrast between Picasso's early style and his later work.
- **gap** a big difference between two amounts, two ages, or two groups of people: **gap between**: There's a ten-year gap between Kay's two children. | The gap between rich and poor is wider in the South than in the rest of the country. | **age/gender/income etc gap**: The age gap between us didn't seem to matter until we decided to have children.
- **gulf** a very big difference and lack of understanding between two groups of people, especially in their beliefs, opinions, and way of life: **gulf between somebody and somebody**: More riots led to a growing gulf between the police and the communities in which they worked. | **bridge/cross the gulf** (=improve understanding and communication): The central problem was how to bridge the gulf between the warring factions of the party.

- **disparity formal** a big difference between two groups of people or things – use this especially when you think the difference is unfair or may cause problems: **disparity between**: It is not easy to explain the disparity that still exists between the salaries of men and women. | **disparity in**: the disparity in wealth between the highest and the lowest employees | **the economic/income etc disparity**: The economic disparity between the area's black and white citizens is a serious problem.

II. **contrast** <sup>2</sup> **AC** /kən'trɑːst\$ -'træst/ *BrE* <sup>\*</sup> *AmE* <sup>\*</sup> *verb*

[Word Family: **verb**: ↑contrast; **noun**: ↑contrast; **adjective**: ↑contrasting]

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: French; Origin: *contraster*, from Italian *contrastare* 'to stand out against, fight against', from Latin *contra-* (⇒ ↑*contra-*) + *stare* 'to stand']

1. **[intransitive]** if two things contrast, the difference between them is very easy to see and is sometimes surprising  
**contrast with**

- " The snow was icy and white, contrasting with the brilliant blue sky.

**contrast sharply/strikingly with something** (=be extremely different from something)

- " These results contrast sharply with other medical tests carried out in Australia.

2. **[transitive]** to compare two things, ideas, people etc to show how different they are from each other

**contrast something with something**

- " In another passage, Melville again contrasts the land with the sea.

- " an essay comparing and contrasting (=showing how two things are similar and different) Verdi and Wagner and their operas

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**THESAURUS**

- **compare** to consider two or more things or people, in order to show how they are similar or different: Scientists compared the results of both experiments. | The woman's body was identified by comparing her teeth with dental records.
- **make/draw a comparison** to compare two or more things or people and say how they are similar: In her article, she makes a comparison between people's lives now and 50 years ago. | It is possible to draw a comparison between the two poets' work.
- **draw an analogy** to say that two situations are similar – a rather formal use: Some people have attempted to draw an analogy between America's invasion of Iraq and the war in Vietnam.
- **draw a parallel** to say that some features of things are similar, especially things that are actually very different – a rather formal use: He draws a parallel between football and religion. | Parallels can be drawn between her work and that of Picasso.
- **contrast verb [transitive]** to compare two things, situations etc, in order to show how they are different from each other: In her novel she contrasts the lives of two families in very different circumstances.
- **make/draw a distinction between** to say that you think two things are very different: The author draws a distinction between allowing death to occur, and causing it. | It is important to make a distinction between people's fears about crime and the amount of crime that really happens.
- **measure somebody/something against somebody/something** to compare two people or things, in order to judge which is better, bigger, etc: As a young actress, she was nervous of being measured against her famous father. | Murray's progress is often measured against that of Nadal.

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