

compare

1. [kəm'peə] *n* *арх., поэт.*

сравнение

beyond /without, past/ compare - вне всякого сравнения
 she is lovely beyond compare - по красоте ей нет равных
 her cakes are without compare - её торты выше всяких похвал

2. [kəm'peə] *v*

1. (with) **сравнивать, проводить параллель; сличать**

to compare a translation with the original - сравнить /сличить/ перевод с оригиналом
 it is not to be compared with - это не подлежит сравнению; это не идёт ни в какое сравнение с
 as compared with - по сравнению с
 his later work does not compare with his earlier - его последнее произведение не идёт ни в какое сравнение с прежними
 to compare favorably with smth. - выигрывать при сравнении с чем-л.

2. (to) **сравнивать, уподоблять**

shall I compare thee to a summer day? (*Shakespeare*) - сравню ли с летним днём твои черты?

3. **грам.** образовывать степени сравнения (*имени прилагательного или наречия*)

compare the adjective "nice" - образуйте сравнительную степень от прилагательного nice
 ◇ to compare notes - обмениваться мнениями /впечатлениями/

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com·pare [**compare compares compared comparing**] *verb, noun* *BrE*

[kəm'peə(r)] *NA*ME [kəm'per]

verb

1. (abbr. **cf.**, **cp.**) **transitive** to examine people or things to see how they are similar and how they are different

- ~ **A and B** It is interesting to compare their situation and ours.
- We compared the two reports carefully.
- ~ **A with/to B** We carefully compared the first report with the second.
- My own problems seem insignificant **compared with** other people's.
- I've had some difficulties, but they were **nothing compared to** yours (= they were not nearly as bad as yours) .
- Standards in health care have improved enormously compared to 40 years ago.

2. **intransitive** ~ **with sb/sth** to be similar to sb/sth else, either better or worse

- This school compares with the best in the country (= it is as good as them) .
- This house doesn't compare with our previous one (= it is not as good) .
- Their prices **compare favourably** with those of their competitors.

3. **transitive** ~ **A to B** to show or state that sb/sth is similar to sb/sth else

- The critics compared his work to that of Martin Amis.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	compare
	BrE /kəm'peə(r)/
	NA ME /kəm'per/
he / she /it	compares
	BrE /kəm'peəz/
	NA ME /kəm'perz/
past simple, past participle	compared
	BrE /kəm'peəd/
	NA ME /kəm'perd/
-ing form	comparing
	BrE /kəm'peərɪŋ/
	NA ME /kəm'perɪŋ/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French **comparer**, from Latin **comparare**, from **compar** 'like, equal' , from **com-** 'with' + **par** 'equal' .

Thesaurus:

compare *verb*

1. **T**

- We compared the two reports carefully.
- contrast** • • **balance sth against sth** • • **match sth against sth** • |**formal juxtapose** •
 compare/contrast/juxtapose **A and/with B**
 compare/contrast sth **unfavourably/favourably** with sth

2. **I**

- Nothing compares with oak for strength.
- match** • • **rival** • • **equal** • • **be on a par with sb/sth** •
 compare with/match/rival/be on a par with sth **in terms of sth**
 compare with/match/equal sb's **achievements**

Language 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

Language Bank:

illustrate

Referring to a chart, graph or table

▪ This bar chart **illustrates** ▪ how many journeys people made on public transport over a three-month period.

▪ This table **compares** ▪ bus, train, and taxi use between April and June.

▪ The results **are shown** ▪ in the chart below.

▪ In this pie chart, the survey results **are broken down** ▪ by age.

▪ This pie chart **breaks down** ▪ the survey results by age.

As can be seen from ▪ these results, younger people use buses more than older people.

According to ▪ these figures, bus travel accounts for 60% of public transport use.

From ▪ the data in the above graph, **it is apparent that** ▪ buses are the most widely used form of public transport.

Language Banks at ↑evidence, ↑fall, ↑increase, ↑proportion, ↑surprising

Example Bank:

• Few things compare with= are as good as the joy of walking on a bright spring morning.

• I've had some difficulties but they were nothing compared to yours.

• The city compares favourably with other parts of Brazil.

• The golfer Tiger Woods is often compared to Jack Nicklaus.

• These mountains do not compare with the Himalayas.

• These mountains do not compare with= are not nearly as high, impressive, etc. as the Himalayas.

• Athletics just can't compare with professional sport in terms of material gain.

• Average speeds for the journey compare unfavourably with the rest of the rail network.

• Few trees can compare with our native rowan for ease of cultivation.

• How can you compare the two things? They are so different!

• How do these results compare with last year's?

• My own problems seem insignificant compared with other people's.

• Nothing compares with the sight of your child swimming for the first time.

• Our productivity compares well with our UK competitors'.

• The critics compared his work to that of Hemingway.

• The profit of £23 million compares with a £32 million loss in the previous financial year.

• This Roman gold doesn't compare to a recent find by a local farmer, which is worth millions.

• This government's record compares favourably with that of our predecessors.

Idioms: ↑beyond compare ▪ ↑compare notes ▪ ↑you can't compare apples and oranges

noun

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I. **com** **pare** ¹ **S1 W1** /kəm'peə \$ -'per/ **BrE** ¹ **AmE** ¹ **verb**

[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑comparison, ↑comparability, the comparative; **adverb:** ↑comparatively, ↑comparably; **adjective:** ↑comparable ≠ ↑incomparable, ↑comparative; **verb:** ↑compare]

[**Date:** 1400-1500; **Language:** French; **Origin:** comparer, from Latin comparare, from compar 'like', from com- (⇒ COM-) + par 'equal']

1. [**transitive**] to consider two or more things or people, in order to show how they are similar or different ⇒ **comparison:**

The report compares the different types of home computer available.

compare something/somebody with something/somebody

The police compared the suspect's fingerprints with those found at the crime scene.

compare something/somebody to something/somebody

Davies' style of writing has been compared to Dickens'.

compare and contrast (=an expression used when telling students to write about the things that are similar or different in works of literature or art)

Compare and contrast the main characters of these two novels.

2. **compared to/with something** used when considering the size, quality, or amount of something in relation to something similar:
 - " a 20% reduction in burglary compared with last year
 - " Compared to our small flat, Bill's house seemed like a palace.
3. **[intransitive] to be better or worse than something else**
compare (favourably/unfavourably)with something
 - " The quality of English wines can now compare with wines from Germany.
 - " How does life in Britain compare with life in the States?
 - " The imported fabric is 30% cheaper and compares favourably(=*is as good*) in quality.
4. **something doesn't/can't compare (with something)** if something does not compare with something else, it is not as good, large etc:
 - " The rides at the fair just can't compare with the rides at Disneyland.
5. **compare notes (with somebody)** *informal* to talk to someone in order to find out if their experience of something is the same as yours:
 - " Leading scientists got together in Paris to compare notes on current research.
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- **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.

II. compare ² *BrE* ¹ *AmE* ¹ *noun*

beyond/without compare *literary* a quality that is beyond compare is the best of its kind:
 " a beauty and an elegance beyond compare

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