

# Compare & Contrast • All Kinds of Pets • 1

To help you compare and contrast information as you read, remember:

- To **compare** means to tell how two or more things are the same.
- To **contrast** means to tell how two or more things are different.
- **Signal words** help describe a comparison or a contrast. Examples are *both, too, also, in addition, same, but, rather than, however, and different.*

Read “Pet Snakes and Lizards.” Compare and contrast the two kinds of pets. Then mark the text.




## Pet Snakes and Lizards

Would you like a pet snake or lizard? These unusual pets are reptiles. They both have the same kind of scaly skin. They both eat other animals for food.

Snakes and lizards are different in many ways. A lizard has legs, but a snake is legless. Small pet lizards eat insects or worms. However, a snake has a different diet. It likes to eat small live animals like mice.




These reptile pets aren’t for everyone. But 13 million owners love their scaly friends.

### Compare & Contrast Text Marks

-  Circle ways that things are the **same**.
-  Underline ways that things are **different**.
-  Box the **signal words**.

### Mark the Text

Compare and contrast pet snakes and lizards.

-  Circle two ways they are the same.
-  Underline two ways they are different.
-  Box the signal words.

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Read "Pet Hamsters and Guinea Pigs."  
Compare and contrast the two kinds of pets.  
Then mark the text.

### Pet Hamsters and Guinea Pigs

**1** Hamsters and guinea pigs are small, caged pets. Both animals need a safe home to live in. They cannot run loose around a house. A hamster needs a cage made of metal. It has sharp teeth and loves to chew. However, a guinea pig needs a different kind of home. It likes a hutch made of wood and wire.

**2** Hamsters and guinea pigs are both rodents. They have sharp teeth to gnaw on hard foods. The two animals have different diets. Hamsters eat meat and vegetables, but guinea pigs eat only vegetables. Hamsters and guinea pigs are both good pets. However, they have different personalities. Guinea pigs are more loving. They like more attention. Hamsters are more active. They like to run on their wheels for miles a day!



#### Mark the Text

- 1** Compare and contrast the homes of hamsters and guinea pigs.
- ☐ Circle a way they are the same.
  - ☐ Underline a way they are different.
  - ☐ Box the signal words.
- 2** Compare and contrast what they eat and their personalities.
- ☐ Circle two ways they are the same.
  - ☐ Underline two ways they are different.
  - ☐ Box the signal words.

# Compare & Contrast • All Kinds of Pets • 3

Read "Pet Canaries and Parrots."

Compare and contrast the two types of birds.

Then mark the text.

## Pet Canaries and Parrots

**1** Many people have pet birds. A canary and a parrot are popular pets. Both birds live in cages. However, the cages are different sizes. The smaller canary has a small cage. The larger parrot has a big cage. A canary needs to fly across its cage. A parrot needs to flap its wings for exercise.

**2** Both canaries and parrots make interesting sounds. But the sounds are very different! Canaries are songbirds. They can sing pretty songs. Parrots can talk. They can repeat an owner's words.

Which bird would you like better?



### Mark the Text

- 1** Compare and contrast the cages of pet canaries and pet parrots.
- ☐ Circle a way they are the same.
  - ☐ Underline a way they are different.
  - ☐ Box the signal words.
- 2** Compare and contrast the sounds that they make.
- ☐ Circle a way they are the same.
  - ☐ Underline a way they are different.
  - ☐ Box the signal words.