

# Rewriting a Comparison/Contrast Paper

Most of writing is rewriting. When rewriting a comparison/contrast paper, here is a checklist of what to review to improve your rough draft. I have given you three checklists. Do the first in one rewriting session, the second when writing your next draft, and the third for your final draft.



## Review 1

- \_\_\_\_\_ There are no sentence fragments.
- \_\_\_\_\_ There are no run-on sentences.
- \_\_\_\_\_ There are no comma splices.
- \_\_\_\_\_ There is a variety of short, medium, and long sentences.
- \_\_\_\_\_ There are not too many short sentences in a row (producing a choppy feeling).
- \_\_\_\_\_ There is a variety of simple, compound, and complex sentences.
- \_\_\_\_\_ There are no exclamatory sentences (an interrogative sentence or two is fine).

## Review 2

- \_\_\_\_\_ Each paragraph is focused on a single topic.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Every sentence in each paragraph relates to its paragraph's topic.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The order of the paper makes sense and has a flow to it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Each idea leads to the next.
- \_\_\_\_\_ There are transition sentences to increase flow.

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### Review 3

- \_\_\_\_\_ The paper has a title.
- \_\_\_\_\_ All capitalization is correct.
- \_\_\_\_\_ All punctuation is correct.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Any other grammar rules you know are followed correctly.
- \_\_\_\_\_ If a visual aid would help, add this as well.