

Comparing and Contrasting



Level:

Upper-Intermediate - Advanced (Business English)



Objectives:

the student will practice comparing and contrasting 2 things related to Business topics



Timing

15 mins



Prep/

Materials:

No prep needed

Traveling is an essential part of any international business and the lives of their employees. Having a Business English conversation about this topic can be very applicable for any business person who travels for their job.

This activity could be used for various business-related topics. For instance, you can make an in-depth discussion about the pros and cons of staying in an Airbnb in comparison to hotels. You can also compare and contrast the Uber and taxi service, as they are facing a similar conflict.

Ask your student to make a list of advantages and disadvantages of each option. You can start by talking about each point, and then continue with a writing activity.

Choose sides based on your own experience. You can add a list of compare/contrast words to make their speech sound more natural. For example:



Breakdown:

However

On the one hand/ On the other hand

Whereas/ While

Nevertheless

Similar to

As well as

In the same way