



Comparing and contrasting your weeks

Work together to find (real) similarities and differences about your week to fill as many of the gaps below as you can in seven minutes. You can't use the same sentence twice, but if you can find a sentence below that means (basically) the same thing you can use that instead. You get one point for each sentence that only your group has completed.

_____ considerably _____ er _____

_____ far fewer _____

_____ much less _____

_____ approximately the same _____

_____ both _____

_____. In contrast, _____

_____ almost identical _____

_____ very similar _____

_____, whereas _____

_____ completely different _____

There was a slight difference _____

_____ not quite as _____ as _____

_____ nearly as _____ as _____

_____ exactly the same _____

_____ totally identical _____

Neither _____ nor _____

_____ substantially better _____

_____ quite a lot worse _____

We had _____ in common.

_____ approximately twice as many _____

_____ about three times as much _____

Turn over if you need some ideas for topics.



Possible topics

Arts and media
Energy
English
Exercise
Feelings
Food and drink
Free time
Health/ Healthiness
Money
Routines
Sleep/ Tiredness
Smoking
Stress
Studies
Time with friends/ family
Travel
Work

Were there any sentences above you couldn't complete? Ask another group or the class for their examples. Is the same thing true of your group?

Language tasks

Which words and expressions above mean (basically) the same?

Can you think of any other ways of saying any of those things?

What about things that mean (basically) the same as the other sentences?

What are the differences between these expressions?

Quite a lot bigger/ A lot bigger

Whereas/ In contrast

Less/ Fewer

Both/ Neither

Why can't you use these phrases in the exercise on the last page?

On the contrary

On the other hand

How are their meanings different from each other and other expressions on the first page?