

Traits of a Good Compare and Contrast Essay

Focus/Ideas	The essay explains the similarities and differences between two kinds of portable music players.
Organization/ Paragraphs	The writer has organized the report into paragraphs, using transition words such as <i>too</i> , <i>but</i> , <i>both</i> , and <i>however</i> to signal a comparison or a contrast.
Voice	The voice is lively and informative. The writer provides supporting details about the two things being compared and contrasted.
Word Choice	The writer uses specific words to explain similarities and differences.
Sentences	The sentence structure is correct. The writer uses some parallel sentences.
Conventions	Correct spelling, punctuation, and grammar are used throughout the report.