

Comparing and Contrasting: Feeding Our Pets

Good readers **compare** and **contrast** key points and details between two texts. They look for ways things are *alike* and *different*.

- **Compare** is to determine how one thing is *like* another thing.
 - Key Words: like, alike, both, similar
- **Contrast** is to determine how one thing is *different* from another thing.
 - Key Words: different, however, differences, but

Directions: Read the two texts and determine how they are similar and different. Then complete the paragraph frame.

Text 1: Feeding Molly Fish

If you get a molly fish as a pet, you need to know how to feed them. These fish usually need to be fed twice a day. They will eat fish food or you can also feed them vegetables such as peas! Make sure that you break up the pieces of fish food so that it is easy for them to bite and chew. You will know that you have given them too much food if they start spitting out their food. The food may sink to the bottom of the tank or clog the filter. When you are giving your fish just the right amount of food you will see them grow and thrive in your fish tank!



Text 2: Feeding a Cat

Cats are usually very easy to feed with a self-feeding cat feeder. Load cat food in the top of the container. As the cat eats food, more food will come down. Usually it is good for cats to eat twice a day. Some cats might eat too much, so it is important to monitor your cat's meals. If a cat is given too much food it might gain weight. If the cat gains too much weight it might have a hard time jumping and moving around. That's why it's important to watch your cat's behavior. Sometimes cats are playful. They might use their paws to get food out of the dish and make a mess.



_____ and _____ are similar in many ways.
 _____ and _____ are alike because they both _____.

They are also similar because _____.

In some ways _____ and _____ are different.
 _____ and _____ are different because _____.

Another difference is _____.