



ACTIVITY SHEET

EPISODE 14: TERMITES

Practise and consolidate your learning about making comparisons by completing our activities. Remember you can refer to the study notes if you need help.

ACTIVITY 1

Identify the function of the **highlighted transition signal** in the sentences.

1. Nowadays, more people own their own home, **whereas** in the past people generally rented.
 - a. comparing
 - b. contrasting
 - c. generalising
2. Motor vehicle accidents **are** often **caused by** slippery road conditions.
 - a. contrasting
 - b. explaining
 - c. cause/effect
3. **It could be argued** that the advantages of wearing seatbelts far outweigh the disadvantages.
 - a. expressing an opinion
 - b. comparing
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4. The statistics for this quarter are strong **compared with** the last quarter.
 - a. contrasting
 - b. comparing
 - c. adding similar ideas



5. The company has performed well, **not only** in the home country, **but also** throughout South-east Asia.

- a. adding similar ideas
- b. generalising
- c. introducing an opposite idea

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- a. being precise
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- a. expressing alternatives
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- a. explaining
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- c. comparing

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- a. giving examples
- b. concluding
- c. explaining

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- a. giving examples
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- c. introducing an opposite idea



ACTIVITY 2

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stronger	easier	tastier	more	higher
nicer	harder	sooner	sportier	warmer

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3. The longer the wine ages, the _____ the bouquet.
4. In Australia, the farther north you travel, the _____ it gets.
5. The _____ the car is, the more expensive it becomes.
6. The more exercise you do, the _____ you become.
7. The sooner you start the project, the _____ you'll finish.
8. The more you earn, the _____ you spend.
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