Compare and Contrast

Start with how things are the same or similar.

The _________ and the _________ are similar because they both _________.
In addition, they _________.

Add more as needed. . . .

Explain how they are different. You can compare the same property or characteristic in the same sentence. Use and, but, or whereas to set up the contrast.

The _________ and the _________ are different because the _________, but the _________. Also, the _________, whereas _________.

Add more as needed. . . .

Remember to ask yourself, Will it be clear to another scientist what I mean when I use pronouns such as they and it? If not, how can I edit the sentence to make it clearer?

(This is a slightly revised version of a writing frame featured in Writing in Science.)