

Language Function	Focus Forms with Examples	Sample Prompts & Responses		Suggestions for Taking it to Application
		Intermediate	High Intermediate	
<p>7. Compare and contrast physical characteristics using conjunctions, adjectives and nouns that show relationships</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Suggestions for Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Animals ■ Weather ■ Environments ■ Habitats: desert, mountain, coastal, valley ■ Living in the City vs. the Country Landscapes </div>	<p>Positive-Negative Present/Past Verb has/ had , doesn't/didn't have</p> <p>Nouns – derivational similarity, likeness, difference, variation</p> <p><i>The difference between whales and sharks is ...</i></p> <p>Conjunctions: but, because, so</p> <p><i>A bee has a stinger, but a butterfly doesn't have one.</i></p> <p>Adjectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Comparative: -er than (larger, smaller than) ■ Superlative: -est (smallest of all) ■ Comparatives and superlatives with special forms (some, more, most; little, less, least) <p><i>A butterfly's wings are wider than a dragonfly's..</i></p> <p><i>The platypus is the most interesting of all the mammals</i></p> <p><i>The desert is the least humid habitat..</i></p>	<p><i>My brother is as tall as my dad. He likes to play basketball, but my dad doesn't. They are both nice to me.</i></p> <p><i>The Chinese New Year's Parade has a dragon, but the other parade doesn't. Both parades have marching bands.</i></p>	<p><i>My brother is as tall as my dad. He likes to play basketball, but my dad doesn't. They are both nice to me.</i></p> <p><i>The difference between the Chinese New Year's parade and the other parade is that one has a dragon and the other doesn't. One similarity is that they both have marching bands.</i></p>	<p>Everyday Application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Explain why you prefer pet/book/movie/etc. over another based on their characteristics. ■ Play card or board games calling on use of descriptive phrases that can be turned into comparatives. <p>Academic Application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Differentiate one environment or habitat from another. ■ Compare two different objects/people/animals and explain differences and similarities orally and in writing. ■ Rank similar or related objects/animals according to the degree or extent they exhibit a particular attribute.
		<p><i>We think girls and boys can play soccer.</i></p>	<p><i>We think girls and boys can play soccer. But, Yuri thinks girls need to have a separate team and I think girls and boys can play on the same team.</i></p>	
		<p><i>Tsunamis are more dangerous than tornados. Hurricanes are the most dangerous of all.</i></p> <p><i>Tortoises are slower than lizards.</i></p> <p><i>The hummingbird is the smallest bird..</i></p>	<p><i>Tsunamis and tornados are dangerous but hurricanes are the most dangerous.</i></p> <p><i>Rodents are the least liked of all animals.</i></p>	
		<p>What is the difference between bats and owls?</p> <p><i>Bats are mammals, have fur and are born alive, but owls are birds, have feathers, and hatch from eggs.</i></p>	<p>What is the similarity between bats and owls?</p> <p><i>Bats and owls both fly. But they are different because bats are mammals, so they have fur and are born alive and owls are birds so they have feathers and hatch from eggs.</i></p>	