

## Week 10 Comparing and contrasting

### Task 1 Listening – Meet Stan D. Ardman

#### Before you listen

##### Discuss the questions:

- How do you think medical and nursing students practise to perfect their techniques?
- Would you let a medical or nursing student practise on you?

##### Check the vocabulary:

*Worst-case scenario; bodily functions and conditions; treatment; template; severe reaction; complaints; CPR; a bar code; syringe; adverse reaction; reboot; attached*

#### Listening I

##### Listen to the talk and answer this question:

- Who is Stan D. Ardman and how does he help medical students?

##### Listen again and complete the information in the sections as given below:

*Appearance and condition*

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*What he is*

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*Simulates*

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*How he works*

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*Pros for medical students*

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#### STRATEGIES

COMPARING	CONTRASTING
In the same way, ...	While/ Whereas X..., Y...
In comparison, ...	In contrast, ...
X is similar to Y in that...	Y is different from X because ...
Likewise, ...	One difference between X and Y is...
Just as X ..., Y also...	Unlike X, Y ...
Similarly, ...	X differs from Y in that...
Like X, Y ...	

## Listening II

- Listen to eight statements about Stan D. Ardman and tick the expressions that you hear in the Strategies box.
- Now listen again and note down the similarities and differences that the speaker mentions.

Similarities

Differences

## After you listen

Choose the phrases from each list in the box above and compare Stan with a real patient.

## Task 2

Study the following examples and write a few sentences comparing the Czech Republic to other countries.

- Sweden is **similar to** Norway **in** its constitution.
- Sweden is **similar to** Norway **in that** it has a small agricultural area.
- Norway and Denmark **are similar (alike) in that** they both have a constitutional monarchy.
- Denmark, **like** Finland, has a population of about 5.6 million.
- **With regard to** population, Sweden is **bigger than** Norway.
- Denmark has a constitutional monarchy, **whereas (while)** Finland is a republic.
- **Whereas** Finland is a republic, Norway has a constitutional monarchy.
- Denmark has the smallest land area, **however**, it has the largest percentage agricultural area.
- **Although** Denmark has the smallest land area, it has the largest percentage agricultural area.
- **The main difference (One of the differences) between** Finland and Sweden **is that** Finland is a republic, **whereas** Sweden has a constitutional monarchy.
- Cairo is **no bigger than** main European cities.
- Cairo **differs from** London **in** density of population.

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Hamp-Lyons L. & Heasley B. (1987). *Study Writing*. CUP.)

**Task 3 Rewrite the sentences using the word(s) in brackets.**

1. The water in Tank A is cloudier than the water in Tank B. (not as)
2. Changes in microclimates frequently occur so quickly that one cannot predict them. (too)
3. French and English are equally difficult to learn. (as)
4. Some of the roads in this region are very dangerous, and you must not travel on them. (too)
5. The particles become easier to observe when they gain weight. (The heavier...)
6. As an institution gets closer to a financial crisis, it feels the pain more. (the more)
7. Campaigners hoping for change within the country have become increasingly pessimistic. (and more)