

Compare-and-Contrast Essay: Block Method & Point-by-Point Method
Mrs. Maher's 6th Grade ELA

Block Organization in Four Paragraphs	
I.	Introduction: Get your reader's attention and state your purpose which is to discuss the differences between A and B.
II.	Topic A, (1) _____, (2) _____, and (3) _____.
III.	Topic B, (1) _____, (2) _____, and (3) _____.
IV.	Conclusion: Summarize your ideas and leave the reader with a good impression.

Point-by-Point Organization in Five Paragraphs	
I.	Introduction: Get your reader's attention and state your purpose which is to discuss three differences between A and B, which are ___1___, ___2___, and ___3___.
II.	The first difference between A and B is ___1___.
III.	The second difference between A and B is ___2___.
IV.	The third difference between A and B is ___3___.
V.	Conclusion: Summarize your ideas and leave the reader with a good impression.

Block Writing Outline

Paragraph 1: Introduction in which you state your purpose, which is to discuss the differences between vacationing in the mountains or at the beach..

Paragraph 2: Mountain – talk about 1) climate 2) types of activities 3) location

Paragraph 3: Beach – talk about 1) climate 2) types of activities 3) location

Paragraph 4: Conclusion

Vacationing in the Mountains or at the Beach

People are always looking forward to their vacation period. There are many options where to choose. I think that the two most common places people choose for taking a vacation are the mountains and the beaches. Both places offer a variety of fun activities. The beach offers activities that the mountain cannot offer and vice versa. The mountain and the beach are totally different. The purpose of this essay is to contrast the climate, types of activities and locations of beaches and mountains.

I'm going to discuss mountains first. The three aspects I'm going to discuss are climate, types of activities and location. Climate is always important in order to enjoy vacations. If a person dislikes cold weather, he or she might have a hard time in the mountains. The cold climate in the mountains is the first barrier to enjoying them, but the climate and the temperature of these zones also determine the types of activities they offer. Snow boarding, mountain climbing, mountain biking, hiking, and skiing are some activities people can enjoy when going to the mountains. There are many regions that have mountains where people can go and have a great vacation. Canada is a country located in North America and contains many mountain vacation sites where people can go and have fun.

I'm going to discuss the beach second. The three aspects I'm going to discuss are climate, types of activities and location. Warm climate is one of the most important features that the beach has. Sun and fun are two words that describe the beach. The temperature in those places is always hot. The sea and the warm climate determine the activities that are available at the beach. People can swim, play volleyball, play soccer, and ride water bikes. In most coastal sites, there are discos and restaurants where people can dance or party throughout the night. Mexico offers many amazing coastal sites to visit. Acapulco and Cancun are two of the most beautiful and famous beaches in the world.

It doesn't matter what place a person decides to choose. The fun is 100% guaranteed. People often choose one of these two options to spend their vacations. Depending on what the person likes is what he or she will choose. I like the beach better than the mountains, but sometimes it is better to take a risk and try a different place to enjoy.

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Example 2: Point-by-Point Outline

Paragraph 1: Introduction in which you state your purpose, which is to discuss differences between eating fresh foods verse canned foods.

Paragraph 2: First difference between fresh food and canned foods is flavor

Paragraph 3: Second difference between fresh food and canned foods is health benefits

Paragraph 4: Third differences between fresh food and canned foods is cost

Paragraph 5: Conclusion

Consuming Fresh Foods Instead of Canned Foods

Eating is an activity that we as humans do at least two times a day. We live in a world where the variety of food is immense, and we are responsible for what we eat. We decide what we are about to eat and how it will affect our bodies. The purpose of this essay is to compare and contrast the differences between eating fresh foods instead of canned foods. The three main differences are flavor, health benefits, and cost.

The most notable difference between these two kinds of foods is their flavor. Fresh foods have great flavor and taste because they keep all their natural conditions. Canned foods however, lack a lot of its flavor characteristics because there are some other chemical products added to the natural foods. It is logical that the fresh foods will have a greater taste and flavor when consumed just because of the time in which they have been prepared.

Comparing both types of foods we notice another difference. There is a health factor that affects both of them. Canned foods lose some of the original fresh food nutrients when stored, and also it has to be tinned with many conservatives and chemical factors that prolong the shelf life and apparent freshness of the food but could also become toxic if consumed too often.

Yet another difference between these two types of foods is the cost. Canned foods are much more expensive than fresh foods. Here the benefit of buying tinned foods is that they are easier to find, for example, in a supermarket instead of the market like the fresh foods, and they require less work to prepare than fresh foods, just open and serve.

Here are the main three differences between buying fresh foods and buying canned foods. As we can see it comes down to a personal choice, based on the time each person has, the money and the importance he/she gives to his/her nutrition and health. Therefore it is important that you consider your possibilities and choose the best types of foods for your convenience and lifestyle.