

## **Compare and Contrast Paragraph Example**

### **Basketball and Soccer**

Basketball and soccer are sports with many similarities and differences. Both sports are fun to play and each one has many beneficial qualities. Here are some of the similarities and differences with basketball and soccer.

Basketball and soccer are played with a round ball. They both provide a ton of cardiovascular exercise such as running; so if you want to get in shape these are the sports to play. A referee judges each game. When a player breaks the rules he or she is called for a foul. A soccer player receives a red or yellow card and a basketball player is called for a foul. Finally a score is kept in each game. The team with the highest score wins.

Even though basketball and soccer are similar, differences do exist. Even though an athlete dribbles the ball in both sports, a basketball player uses his hands and a soccer player uses his feet. Usually soccer is played outside on a large field and basketball is played indoor on a court made out of wood. Basketball is played with 5 players and soccer has 11. Lastly, basketball has four quarters and soccer has two halves.

In conclusion both sports are fun and exciting to play. Each one offers exercise and competitiveness. Also, they are unique in their own way.