**Signal Words**

**for Comparing and Contrasting**

These signal words can help you recognize comparisons or contrasts (similarities and differences).

Comparisons: compare, comparing, similarities

* like
* alike
* both
* all
* also
* too
* similar, similarly
* same

Contrasts: contrasting, contrary, differences

* but
* instead
* unlike
* however
* different
* differences
* differ
* differently