Brainstorm ideas for the topics below.

bicycles vs cars

Similarities / Differences
1. cars are very expensive
2. bicycles are good for your health
3. bicycles are easy to park

eating at home vs eating at a restaurant

Similarities / Differences
1. ________________________________
2. ________________________________
3. ________________________________

online shopping vs shopping at a store

Similarities / Differences
1. ________________________________
2. ________________________________
3. ________________________________

casual shoes vs high heels

Similarities / Differences
1. ________________________________
2. ________________________________
3. ________________________________

city vs countryside

Similarities / Differences
1. ________________________________
2. ________________________________
3. ________________________________

concerts vs movies

Similarities / Differences
1. ________________________________
2. ________________________________
3. ________________________________
Choose a topic from the previous page and write an outline. First, expand your brainstorm ideas into complete sentences as in the example.

Example

1. cars are very expensive
2. bicycles are good for your health
3. bicycles are easy to park

1. First, a car is the very expensive while bicycles are quite cheap.
2. Second, riding a bicycle is good for your health.
3. Third, it’s usually very easy to park your bicycle.

Comparison paragraph outline

In my opinion, there are three differences/similarities between ...................................................

First, ..............

Second, .................

Third, ......................

In conclusion, ..............

Now write a full paragraph. The paragraph should include a topic sentence (containing the main idea), three main points, supporting sentences with examples details and a conclusion.

Example:

Riding a Bicycle vs Driving a Car

There are three important differences between riding a bicycle and driving a car. First, a car is the very expensive while bicycles are quite cheap. If you ride a bicycle, you can save a lot of money. Second, riding a bicycle is good for your health. You can exercise on the way to work. However, if you drive a car, you could become very lazy and feel sleepy when you arrive at work. Third, it’s usually very easy to park your bicycle. In contrast, parking a car can be a nightmare and might make you feel stressed out. In conclusion, if it’s convenient, ride a bicycle as it has financial, health and emotional benefits.