

SAMPLE WRITING PROCESS: COMPARE PARAGRAPH/ESSAY

Topic sentence: Fethiye and Antalya are very similar tourist destinations.

Brainstorming: when you are writing a compare paragraph/essay – where you have to find the similarities between two things – it helps to do separate brainstorming for both things, then to find the similarities between the two lists. For example:

Fethiye

Ölüdeniz
Bars
English tourists
Big hotels
Small pensions
Harbour
Lycian way
Outdoor activities
Small population
Peaceful
Old ruins
Beach
Mediterranean
Mountains

Antalya

Russian tourists
Big population
Hotels
Outdoor activities
Noisy
Beach
Lycian way
Pensions
Mediterranean
Bars
Package holidays
Mountains

Looking at these two lists, we can make another list of similarities between the two places:

Mediterranean	Mountains
Hotels	Foreign tourists
Pensions	
Outdoor activities	
Lycian way	
Beach	
Bars	

Plan: An outline based on these similarities:

Supporting idea 1: Location/setting

Details/examples: Mediterranean/Mountains

Supporting idea 2: Activities

Details/examples: Outdoor activities – Lycian Way

Beach

Supporting idea 3: Accommodation

Details/examples: Hotels/Pensions

Paragraph:

Fethiye and Antalya are very similar tourist destinations. The first similarity is their location and setting. Both Fethiye and Antalya are located on the South coast of Turkey, and are backed by high mountains. Secondly, this similarity in location means that they can also offer a similar range of activities to tourists. Not only Fethiye but also Antalya have beautiful beaches, which are great for sunbathing, but it is also possible to go hiking, paragliding, diving and sailing. Finally, the two towns also offer a similar range of accommodation. Tourists can find accommodation opportunities from simple, charming pensions to opulent 5-star hotels. To sum up, Fethiye and Antalya have many similarities in location, activities and accommodation.

Turning This Paragraph into an Essay

Turkey has many different tourist destinations. These destinations are known for different things, but there are also a lot of similarities between many of them. Two of the most famous locations, Fethiye and Antalya, are also among the most similar. Fethiye and Antalya are very similar tourist destinations considering location, activities and accommodation.

The first similarity between Fethiye and Antalya is location. Both of these towns are located on the South coast of Turkey. Fethiye is situated at the western end of the Lycian peninsula, while Antalya, two hundred kilometers away, is located at the peninsula's eastern end. They share the same hot, dry climate, and are both backed by high mountains while facing beautiful sandy beaches.

These similarities in location, climate and setting mean that both towns can offer very similar activities to tourists. The main draws are, of course, their beaches. These are perfect for sunbathing and swimming. However, for those who prefer a more active holiday, there are also many other activities. The two towns are, respectively, the starting and the end point of the Lycian way, a long-distance walking trail, which means that they offer great hiking. There are also many other outdoor activities on offer, such as paragliding, diving and sailing to name but a few.

The last similarity between Fethiye and Antalya is the range of accommodation. At one end of the spectrum, there are modest, simple pensions where it is possible to stay for very little money. At the other end, there are opulent, luxurious hotels with swimming pools, bars and 5-star restaurants. Thus, whatever people's budget, they will be able to find a type of accommodation that suits them.

To sum up, while Antalya and Fethiye are different places, they have a lot of similarities which make both of them great tourist destinations. They both have a great climate, beautiful beaches and many different things to do. Whichever town people choose to visit, they are sure to have a great holiday.