

# December 11th

- Check - 'so do I' and comparatives
- Discuss different countries and cultures
- Discuss camping! - learn vocabulary

# new vocabulary

- I feel leth**a**rgic / lethargy
- I don't mind the snow
- nowadays / today - both are good
- since ~~some decades~~
- for the last few decades/ for the last 20 years or so
- behave in (typical) gender roles
- not relish the idea of -ing

# making comparisons

- compared to / with
- comparing Moscow with St Petersburg, the latter (= the last of these)
- the former (the first of these) is ...
- in comparison
- in contrast
- contrary
- when seen alongside
- in relation to

## **Comparing and contrasting questions and answers**

*Ask your partner about the similarities and differences between some things using questions like those below*

- Is... (exactly) the same as...?/ Are... and... (really) identical?
- Is... similar to...?
- What's the difference between... and...?
- What do... and... have in common?
- How similar are... and...?
- How different are... and...?
- How much... er is ... than...?/ How much more... is... than...?

*What kinds of phrases can you use to answer the last three questions?*

How different are the capital city and second city of your country? Should the government try to change that?

Is your country unique or exceptional in any way?

What are the best and worst things about your country? How does that compare to other places?

<https://www.usingenglish.com/files/pdf/academic-word-list-comparing-and-contrasting.pdf>

**Academic Word List- Comparing and Contrasting**  
**Worksheet 1 – Comparing and contrasting phrases presentation**

*Complete these phrases for comparing and contrasting. There are several possible answers for each.*

They are \_\_\_\_\_ the same

They are \_\_\_\_\_ identical

They are \_\_\_\_\_ similar

They are \_\_\_\_\_ different

A is \_\_\_\_\_ ... er/ more...than B

A is \_\_\_\_\_ as... as B

The \_\_\_\_\_ difference between A and B is...

A/ An \_\_\_\_\_ difference between A and B is...





Austria



Bangladesh



Bahrain



Brunei



Bulgaria



Canada



Chile



China



Cyprus



Denmark



Egypt



Estonia



Ethiopia



Finland



France



Germany



Great Britain



Greece



Hong Kong



India



Iran



Iraq



Indonesia



Ireland



Italy



Japan



Jordan



Iceland



Kazakhstan



Korea



Kuwait



Lebanon



Libya



Malaysia



Netherlands



Nigeria



Norway



Oman



Pakistan



Palestine



Philippines



Qatar



Romania



Russia



Saudi Arabia



Singapore



South Africa



Spain



Sudan

# Comparing cultures using academic vocabulary

## Immigration

- Importance of hierarchy
- Infrastructure
- Interest in sustainability
- Job security
- Maintaining traditions
- Naming of successors
- Number of guidelines from the government - Number of subsidiaries
- Publication of theses
- Research funding
- Residential care
- Restoration of historical buildings
- Rigid management
- School resources
- Self-sufficiency of adult children
- Stress
- Strictness of school grading
- Submissive females
- Suspension from school
- Taking dietary supplements

... percent  
a great deal  
a (tiny) bit  
almost  
biggest  
considerably  
fairly  
great  
more or less  
most obvious  
much  
(not) quite  
one and a half times  
practically  
slightly  
surprisingly  
totally  
very

... times  
a lot  
absolutely  
basically  
completely  
exactly  
(far) far  
half  
most important  
most significant  
(not/ very) nearly  
obvious  
only/ sole  
quite a lot  
substantially  
three quarters  
twice



# homework

- Think about whether to study more from IELTS Target 6.5 or get a new book (eg Ready for IELTS)?
- find phrases in context: run errands; take for granted; and some other vocabulary from the text
- write sentences with the new vocabulary
- Complete comparatives (slide 5)