

## STRUCTURES FOR COMPARING & CONTRASTING INFORMATION – GENERIC

Look at the examples of each structure below. Then, look at the graph or chart and make similar sentences; one for each structure.

1. COMPARATIVES 'bigger ..... higher ..... faster ..... longer etc.'

**More** students leave the U.K. to look for work **than** come into the U.K. to find work.

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2. SUPERLATIVES 'biggest ..... highest ..... fastest ..... longest etc.'

**Most** students come to Britain to find work.

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3. LINKED CLAUSES

A] MAIN SENTENCE

a] 80% of students under the age of 26 study for their career, students aged over 49 study a subject they're interested in.

B] CLAUSE

LINKERS  
**whereas,**  
**in contrast,**  
**on the other**  
**hand,**  
**while**

, b] 70% of

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4. OTHER COMPARATIVE STRUCTURES

**Not as ..... as**

**Not as many** students in the 30 to 39 age group study for their career **as** students in the 26 to 29 age group.

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**Twice as many** of the under 26 year old age group study for their career **than** do those aged between 40 and 49.

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**Twice as much ..... as .....**

'Much' is used for **uncountable** items: Students spend **twice as much** money on going to restaurants **than** they do on books.

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**Three times more ..... Than .....**

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**Slightly more ..... than .....**

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5. FRACTIONS

**one third a quarter four fifths**

*A quarter of migrants to the U.K. came for formal study.*

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6. APPROXIMATION

**around about approximately**

**Approximately** *a third of women in Someland are educated to Third Grade.*

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**nearly just under**

**almost just over**

**Almost** *5% of women in Someland are educated to Year 12.*

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