Confusable words

'compare' and 'contrast'

compare (verb)

Definition: to look for similarities and differences between things

Use syllables and phonemes to decode and encode:

c o m | p are

/c/ /o/ /m/ /p/ /air/

Use morphemes to comprehend:

com   **pare**

com = 'with'   pare = 'equal'
(from Latin)   (from Latin)

com + pare =
to look at what is the same (equal) and different in things

I had to **compare** two job offers.

contrast (verb)

Definition: to find what is different between things

Use syllables and phonemes to decode and encode:

c o n | t r a s t

/c/ /o/ /n/ /t/ /r/ /a/ /s/ /t/

Use morphemes to comprehend:

con   **trast**

contra = 'against'   stare = 'stand'
(from Latin)   (from Latin)

con + trast =
to stand (hold) one thing against another and find differences

I had to **contrast** women's rights before and after the war.

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