**Writing Comparison-Contrast Essays**

**Revise with a Checklist**

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As you revise your comparison-contrast essay, ask yourself the questions on this checklist. When you can answer a question *yes*, check it off. Continue revising until all questions are checked off.

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|  | Does the essay focus on two interesting topics, showing their similarities and differences? |
|  | Does the essay include a variety of effective details: definitions, examples, explanations, anecdotes, quotations, and so on? |
|  | Are the details well organized, with transitions that signal the types of details being shared? |
|  | Does the voice connect to the reader and show real interest in the topics? |
|  | Are nouns specific, verbs active, and modifiers vivid? |
|  | Do sentences read smoothly and vary in lengths and beginnings? |
|  | Does the reader feel enlightened by the analysis of the two topics? |