




## Compare & Contrast • Predator Power • 1

To help you compare and contrast information as you read, remember:

- To **compare** means to tell how two or more things are the same.
- To **contrast** means to tell how two or more things are different.
- **Signal words** help describe a comparisons or a contrast. Examples are *both, too, like, alike, different, also, in addition, but, rather than,* and *however*.

### Compare & Contrast Text Marks

-  To **compare**, circle ways that things are the same.
-  To **contrast**, underline ways that things are different
-  Box the **signal words**.




Read "Komodo Dragons." Compare and contrast Komodo dragons with other lizards. Then mark the text.

## Komodo Dragons

The world of lizards is full of strange, scaly animals, but one lizard stands out from the rest. It is called the Komodo dragon. Like other lizards, Komodo dragons have scaly skin. They also lays eggs to have their young like other lizards. However, Komodo dragons are much bigger than other lizards. They can weigh up to three hundred pounds. The amount they eat is different, as well. They can finish off several wild pigs for lunch.

### Mark the Text

Compare and contrast Komodo dragons with other lizards.

-  Circle two ways they are the same.
-  Underline two ways they are different.
-  Box the signal words.

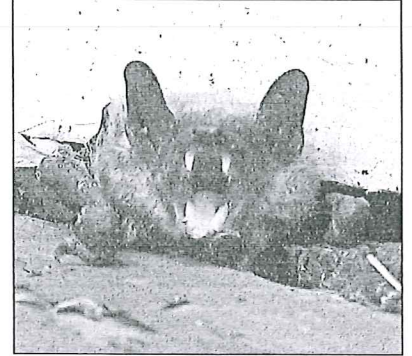
**Compare & Contrast • Predator Power • 2**

Read "Vampire Bats." Compare and contrast vampire bats with other bats. Then mark the text.

## Vampire Bats

**1** Many people find bats a little creepy. One kind of bat is really creepy. It is called a vampire bat. Like other bats, the vampire bat is a mammal. A mammal is covered by hair or fur and gives birth to live babies. Vampire bats are also like other bats in where they live. They hang out in dark places like caves, and they sleep during the day and fly at night.

**2** However, there are big differences between vampire bats and other bats. Most bats eat insects or small animals like mice. A vampire bat is different in what it eats. It feeds entirely on blood! Vampire bats bite livestock like cows and lap up their blood for half an hour. How can you recognize a vampire bat? Its teeth are different from those of other bats. They are longer and sharper. Creepy!

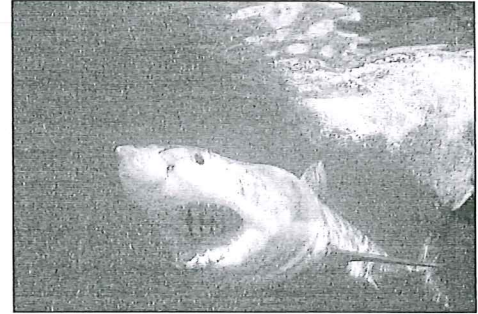


### Mark the Text

- 1** Compare vampire bats with other bats.
- Circle two ways they are the same.
- Box the signal words.
- 2** Contrast vampire bats with other bats.
- Underline two ways they are different.
- Box the signal words.

## Compare & Contrast • Predator Power • 3

Read "Great White Sharks." Compare and contrast great white sharks with other sharks. Then mark the text.



### Great White Sharks

**1** Do sharks deserve their bloodthirsty reputation?

One shark—the great white shark—deserves all the respect it gets. Like all sharks, great white sharks have no bones.

Instead of bones, shark skeletons are made of cartilage, which is like the end of a human nose. In addition, great whites and other sharks both have many rows of teeth that fall out and grow back easily.

**2** The great white shark is different from other sharks

in its size. It is the largest predator in the sea. It can grow up to 20 feet long and weigh up to 4,500 pounds. The great white is also different from other sharks in its feeding habits. It is the most vicious hunter. It often attacks its prey from below, ripping it apart in its huge jaws. If you see the fin of a great white shark, it's time to get out of the water!

#### Mark the Text

- 1** Compare great white sharks with other sharks.
- Circle two ways they are the same.
- Box the signal words.
- 2** Contrast great white sharks with other sharks.
- Underline two ways they are different.
- Box the signal words.