

Descriptive reports: facts and figures in a Table

MODEL REPORT Compare and contrast two of the world's fastest growing airlines.

The UAE has two of the world's fastest growing airlines: Emirates and Etihad. The table below gives some key facts about each airline. In this essay, I will compare and contrast between them.

First I will look at the similarities. Both are based in the UAE and are owned by the government, in these ways they are exactly the same. However, Emirates is based in Dubai and Etihad is based in Abu Dhabi. They are also similar because they have a large number of planes on order: 197 for Emirates and 193 for Etihad.

Now I will cover the differences. In fact there are many but some are major. Firstly, Emirates's profit is much bigger than Etihad's (\$840M, \$5M). It also flies a much higher number of passengers than Etihad. Moreover, it has larger number of the aeroplanes than Etihad, around three times bigger. This is probably because Emirates is the oldest and Etihad is the newest (1985, 2003).

To sum up, both of these airlines will be much larger in the future compared to today, but at present there are more differences than similarities.

Words ≈ 185

TASK

Once you have read the model report, do the following:

1. Find and underline the general overview sentence/s. Then find and underline the thesis statement.
2. Find and underline the topic sentence/s.
3. **Highlight** all adjectives in *comparative* (C) and *superlative* (S) form.

NOTE

1. The first sentence (part of the general overview) states that "*The UAE has two of the world's fastest growing airlines*", this is not from the table but is a true fact;
 - Only add information if it is correct and factual (i.e. not opinion)
 - Only do this in the introduction paragraph.
2. In the conclusion it states that "*both of these airlines will be much larger in the future compared to today*", this is not opinion;
 - It is based on the figure for aeroplanes on order from the Table.