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Read both texts with your partner. Take it in turn to read a sentence each.

As you are reading, find out:

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What could we say about the climate? Is it similar or different?

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You have 10 minutes to complete on your whiteboard.

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However, there are some notable differences between the two. Let's start with the climate and weather. Due to it's position on Earth, Florida.....

Whereas, Antarctica is located.....

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Use your similarities and differences table to answer the question in your book. Remember to write the question first. Try and vary your sentence openers, use the phrases below to help.

Words that signal a comparison

- As
- Also
- Like
- Alike
- Likewise
- Resembles
- Similar
- Just as
- Just like
- Equally
- Same both

Words that signal a contrast

- however
- Although
- Whereas
- In contrast
- Yet
- Differs from
- Instead
- Unlike
- On the contrary
- Different from
- On the other hand