There are clear similarities between.... and ....

Differences are evident between..... and ..... 

A pattern can be identified...

A is like B in that...

There are several aspects of the problem to be examined...

Each aspect of the problem contributes to...

On balance, the response is...

It is/has been made clear that ..... is more significant than ..... 

A and B are of equal importance in understanding the problem 

Of most significance is...

Of least significance is...

Whilst A allows us to identify the cause(s) of the problem, B enables us to ...

The factors that contribute to this problem are...

Some aspects of the problem are more/less significant than others.

It is necessary to understand ..... before a solution can be proposed.