**Writing Comparison-Contrast Essays**

**Writing** the Beginning Paragraph

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**Write your focus statement.**

Read about focus statements. Then write your own focus statement.

 Your beginning paragraph should end with a focus statement. The focus statement names the two subjects and starts to compare and contrast them.

Dolphins and whales share some traits and features but also have key distinctions.