



Thesis Statement: Practice (Compare/Contrast)

The thesis statement is the foundation for the entire essay.

Your thesis needs to let the reader know

WHAT you are writing about and **HOW/WHY** you are writing about this topic.

The 'what' is the purpose of the essay.

The 'how/why' are the significance of the topic.



Using a prompt to develop a thesis statement.
How are cats and dogs alike?
How are they different?

Example:
What are you writing about: cats and dogs.
How/Why are you writing about these subjects: to show how cats and dogs are alike and how they are different.

Listen your reasons or use a Venn Diagram.

Write your rough draft.

Revise your rough draft.