

How are we different?

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How are we different?

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a) I won't do it.

b) I wouldn't do it.



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a) I won't do it.

(decision—about a real event)

b) I wouldn't do it. (If I was / were in your place...).

(decision—about an imaginary situation)

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- a) He may come.**
- b) He might come.**



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How are we different?

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a) He may come.

(50 % chances)

b) He might come.

(about 20% chances)



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a) I do different things.

b) I do do different things.



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- a) I do different things.**
(simple present for
routine, frequent actions)
- b) I do do different things.**
(first “do” for emphasis,
stress, etc.)



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a) He could do it.

b) He was able to do it.



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a) He could do it. (a general ability in the past)

When I was a child, I could + main verb

b) He was able to do it. (a ability in a particular situation or event in the past, e.g., yesterday and last week)
Yesterday I was able to + main verb

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a) He has few friends.

b) He has a few friends.



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For **count** nouns

a) He has **few** friends. He is sad. (**almost none, negative**)

b) He has **a few** friends. He is happy. (**some, positive**)



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a) He has little knowledge about it.

b) He has a little knowledge about it.



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For **quantity** nouns

a) He has **little** knowledge about it. Don't ask him.

(almost no, -ve)

b) He has **a little** knowledge about it. You may ask him.

(some, +ve)



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a) You shouldn't do it.

b) You shouldn't have done it.



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- a) You shouldn't do it. (advice for present/future time)
- b) You shouldn't have done it. (scolding, rebuking or regretting for a past action)

MA + V pr./fu.

MA + have + PP past

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- a) You'd better work hard.**
- b) You should work hard.**

PS. You'd better= you had better



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- a) **You'd better work hard...
otherwise... a hidden
warning (= You had better)**
- b) **You should work hard.
(simple advice)
(should = ought to = had
better)**

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- a) It is the biggest star.**
- b) It is one of the biggest stars.**



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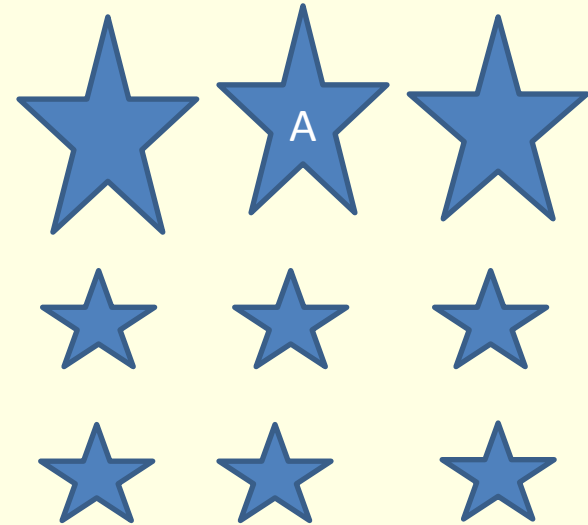
- a) **It is the biggest star. (only one different from the rest) used for facts**
- b) **It is one of the biggest stars. (one of a small group that is different from the rest) used to give opinions**

How are we different?



A is

the biggest **star**.



A is

one of the biggest **stars**.

How are we different?

Positive comparative superlative

adj./adv. ... than the ...

good better best

honest more honest most honest

happy happier happiest

worried more worried most worried

fast faster fastest

interesting more interesting most interesting

far farther farthest

easy easier easiest

bad worse worst

few fewer fewest

little less least



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How are we different?

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- a) He is good at nothing.**
- b) He is good for nothing.**



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- a) He is **good at nothing**.
(He doesn't have any **skills**)
- b) He is **good for nothing**.
(a person who is lazy,
useless, and not helpful or
useful in any way)



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a) He is a simpleton.

b) He is a simple person.



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- a) He is a **simpleton**. **-ve**
(a fool, a person without the usual ability to use reason and understand)
- b) He is a **simple person**. **+ve**
(no show-off, a good quality)

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- a) I remembered to meet him.**
- b) I remembered meeting him.**



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a) **I remembered to meet him.**
(...so I was able to meet him.)

b) **I remembered meeting him.**
**(I remembered that event
happening before that point)**

Remember + to + verb future

Remember + V-ing past



How are we different?

Remember + to + verb

Remembering will take place first and then the action

Remember + V-ing

Past action that you remember now, so first action and then remembering



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a) I will meet him this evening.

b) I'm going to meet him this evening.



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a) I will meet him this evening. (instant decision, decision now, neutral future)

b) I'm going to meet him this evening. (decision already taken)



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a) I'm going to watch it tomorrow.

b) I am watching it tomorrow.



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a) I'm going to watch it tomorrow. (speaker's **intension**, decision)

b) I am watching it tomorrow. (planned or arranged future; as **sure** as is happening now)

Patterns for future

- a) **I will meet the manager. About 50%**
(neutral future, instant decision)
- b) **I'm going to meet the manager**
tomorrow. About 70%
(speaker's intension, decision)
- c) **I am meeting the manager**
tomorrow. About 90%
(definite, arranged, planned future,
as sure as is happening now)

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a) You should start your own business.

b) You could start your own business.



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a) You should start your own business. (advice, it is good for you)

b) You could start your own business. (a tentative suggestion)



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a) He is wont to yawn while talking.

b) He wants to yawn while talking.



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- a) He **is wont** to yawn while talking. (**habitual, the way someone usually behaves**)
- b) He **wants** to yawn while talking. (**wishes, desires**)
- Compare: He won't yawn. (will not)**

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a) I'm teaching English.

**b) I've been teaching
English for an hour / since
5 p.m.**



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- a) I'm teaching English. (Pr. Cont. Tense. = continuity now)**
- b) I've been teaching English for an hour. (Pr. Perf. Cont. Tense. = continuity from past to present, a period of time)**



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General introduction

My name is ...

**I have been working in.... as
..... for ... (period)... /
since ... (point)...**

I am good at Noun/V-ing... .

My goal/ambition is to



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How are we different?

General introduction

My name is

I have been working in

as since 2010/ for 10

years.

I am good at marketing.

My goal / ambition is to

become a manager / director/

etc.



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a) I will do it at 5.

b) I will have done it by 5.



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How are we different?

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a) I will do it at 5.

(start at 5)

b) I will have done it by 5.

(complete before 5)



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- a) I wish I knew it.**
- b) I wish to know it.**



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- a) **I wish I knew it. (regret)**
=I don't know it now. I regret it.
- b) **I wish to know it. (desire)**
=I want to know it.

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I wish + simple past

(regret now, -ve message)

I wish I **was/were** a bird.

(=Alas, I am not a bird.)

I wish I **knew** the answer.

(=Alas, I don't know the answer)

I wish I **had** more money.

I wish she **was** present today.

I wish I **could**.

I wish she **was/were** tall.



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- a) I have seen it.**
- b) I saw it in 2010.**



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How are we different?

20

a) **I've seen it.**

**Sub + has/have + p.p. = V3rd form
(result of a past action without time)**

b) **I saw it in 2010.**

**Sub + V 2nd form + past time
(reporting a past event with a past
time)**



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**a) I wrote a letter
yesterday.**

**b) I was writing a letter at 5
p.m. yesterday.**



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21

a) I **wrote** a letter yesterday.
(reporting a finished action)

b) I **was writing** a letter at 5
p.m. (reporting continuity of
an action at a past point of
time)

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**a) Can I speak to Hetal,
please?**

**b) Could I speak to Hetal,
please?**



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**a) Can I speak to Maya,
please?**

(informal, friendly)

**b) Could I speak to Maya,
please?**

(formal, polite)



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- a) She has to do it.**
- b) She can do it.**



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a) She has to do it.

(compulsory, no option)

b) She can do it.

(free to do if she likes)



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- a) You mustn't do it.
- b) You needn't do it.



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a) You **mustn't** do it.

(warning, prohibition, strict
no-no)

b) You **needn't** do it.
(not necessary)

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mustn't  **physical**
danger or penalty



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- a) I write to ask you your opinion on it.**
- b) I am writing to ask you your opinion on it.**



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a) I write to ask you your opinion on it.

(Si. Pr., formal, official)

b) I am writing to ask you your opinion on it.

(Pr. Cont., informal)



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a) You shouldn't have attended the party.

b) You shouldn't attend the party.



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- a) You shouldn't have attended the party.**
(rebuke/scold for a past action)
- b) You shouldn't attend the party.**
(advice for now/future)



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- a) He might have forgotten.**
- b) He must have forgotten.**



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a) He might have forgotten.

(not so strong guess,
perhaps this happened)

b) He must have forgotten.

(a strong +ve guess, I'm
sure this happened)



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a) I needn't have gone there.

b) I didn't need to go there.



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- a) I needn't have gone there.**
(I did s.t. in the past and now I think it was not necessary.)
- b) I didn't need to go there.**
(I knew it in advance so I didn't go.)



How are we different?

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**a) I may go there
tomorrow.**

**b) I might go there
tomorrow.**



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a) I may go there tomorrow. (50% chance)

b) I might go there tomorrow. (10-20% chance)



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- a) You will write a letter.**
- b) You will have to write a letter.**



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- a) You will write a letter.
(neutral instruction)**
- b) You will have to write a letter.
(order, compulsory)**



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- a) She must go there.**
- b) She has to go there.**



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- a) She must go there.**
(speaker's desire, strong advice)
- b) She has to go there.**
(compulsion, no choice)

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a) When I go shopping, I will buy it.

b) If I go shopping, I will buy it.



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a) When I go shopping, I will buy it. (going is sure, only time is not fix)

b) If I go shopping, I will buy it. (going itself is not sure, I may or may not go)



33

a) If Sachin had played well, India could have won the match.

b) If Sachin had played well, India might have won the match.



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a) If Sachin had played well, India could have won the match. (unused ability)

b) If Sachin had played well, India might have won the match. (perhaps this would have happened)



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- a) If he was/were here, he would help me.**
- b) If he had been here, he would have helped me.**



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- a) If he was/were here, he would help me. (He isn't here NOW)**
- b) If he had been here, he would have helped me. (He wasn't here THEN.)**

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- a) I used to work hard.**
- b) I am used to working hard.**



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- a) **I used to work hard.**
(past habit or regular situation; not now)
- b) **I am used to working hard.** (present habit, nothing new for me)

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a) He is stubborn.

b) He is being stubborn.



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a) He is stubborn.

(usual nature, always)

b) He is being stubborn.

**(temporary, unusual
behaviour)**



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- a) When she arrived, we were having dinner.**
- b) When she arrived, we had dinner.**
- c) When she arrived, we had had dinner.**

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a) When she arrived, we were having dinner. (we were in the middle of our dinner)

b) When she arrived, we had dinner. (we started dinner AFTER she arrived.)

c) When she arrived, we had had dinner. (we had already finished our dinner when she arrived.)



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a) How long are you staying here?

b) How long have you been staying here?



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a) How long are you staying here?

(period from present to future)

b) How long have you been staying here?

(period from past to present)



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a) I will meet him this evening.

b) I'll be meeting him this evening.



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- a) I will meet him this evening. (neutral future)**
- b) I'll be meeting him this evening. (as usual, as a matter of course/routine)**



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a) I saw him cross the road.

**b) I saw him crossing the
road.**



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a) I saw him cross the road.
(I saw the whole event from beginning to end)

b) I saw him crossing the road.

(I saw him just for a moment and at that moment he was crossing the road.)



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Thank you.
Now it's your turn!
Q and A



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**Goodbye
and
thank you very much.**



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