Compare and contrast properties of substances (Level 2) exam tips

Most of the compare and contrast questions in this exam are asking about the properties of substances.

Use a double/bubble to write down your thoughts as you prepare your answer.

• Firstly, state the type of type of solid that each substance is.

• Secondly, describe the bonding in each substance in terms of particle and attractive force.

• Finally, explain the similarities and differences between each substance, use some of the linking words from the table below in your answer.

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When composing your compare/contrast (similarities/differences) answer, you MUST use linking words

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| **Sentence starter** | **linking words** |  | **Sentence starter** | **linking words** |
| A similarity is….Another similarity is… | similarlyas within the same waylikewiseequallyalsojust asjust like |  | A difference is…Another difference is… | whereas alternativelyotherwiseconverselyhoweveron the other handalthoughbut |

Don’t be daft.

Do not draw JUST a double bubble to compare and contrast.

You must discuss your answer in full sentences.

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