

Exercise walk-through

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Comparison through a concept: supported rehearsal

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The method

Method — Worked example

Use a concept to explain a relationship, then compare its operation across contexts. Do not equate similar objects with identical social functions. A classroom comparison rehearses the method; the school's selected ethnographies supply the authentic evidence.

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Separate what is stated from the interpretation.
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Original classroom evidence panel for Comparison through a concept

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3.1 Those excluded, new members and members who left may experience the rule differently. Restrict the claim to committee accounts, then seek approved contrasting recruitment and actual participation evidence. A large number of committee interviews does not remove this selection limit. Authored points for a relevant judgement, reason tied to the case and justified qualification or method. Accept a supported alternative.