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Pattern B (All of One/All of the Other)

In this pattern, each item is discussed separately. Notice the organization.

Thesis Statement: The Speed Demon is a better car than the Road Runner.

- I. The Road Runner
 - A. Cost of Maintenance
 - B. Performance
 - C. Comfort
- II. The Speed Demon
 - A. Cost of Maintenance
 - B. Performance
 - C. Comfort

Note that the points of comparison are the same and that they are discussed in the same order under each section in both patterns of organization. Pattern B is useful for more limited topics.

Using the Two Patterns of Comparison and Contrast in Essays

The two patterns—"point-by-point" and "all of one/all of the other"—can also be used to write both paragraphs and essays. Typically, you will devote one paragraph to each of the points of comparison. Of course, in the essay, you will provide significantly more support through examples, facts, and details than in a paragraph.

EXERCISE 5

Read this student essay about two brothers. As you read, notice how the tension between East and West is used to help the reader envision the differences between the brothers. Then answer the questions that follow.

My Two Brothers

1. No two people are exactly alike, and my two older brothers, Nhan and Hung, are no exceptions. When I think of them, I think of Rudyard Kipling's words:
*East is East,
and West is West,
and never the twain shall meet.*
2. Even though they have the same parents, their considerable differences in looks, personality, and attitude toward life reflect the differences between Eastern and Western cultures.
3. Like the majority of Asian men, Nhan is short, small, and has a full, moon-shaped face. His smooth white skin and small arms and feet make him