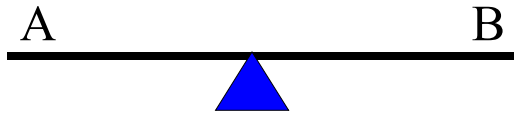


Similarity / Difference “Teeter-Totter”

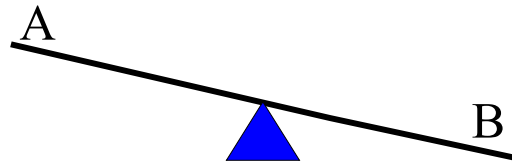
Similarity



England and the United States both have an elected legislature.

The characteristic is equal/ (or at least similar) on both “sides” of the Comparative “teeter-totter.”

Difference

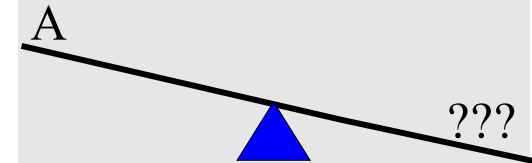


England has a king, while the United States has a President.

The characteristic is different on the two sides of the Comparative “teeter-totter,” and BOTH sides are explicitly named/described.

Note: If the difference is an “amount” (“England has more X”) it helps to explicitly state the “other side.” (“the U.S. has less X.”)

NOT a Difference



England has a King, while the United States doesn't.

The characteristic is different on the two sides of the Comparative “teeter-totter,” but ONLY ONE side is explicitly named/described.

The reader doesn't know what the “other side” *IS*, only what it *ISN'T*.

(There are a million possibilities, only 999,999 left to go.)