

# COMPARING AND CONTRASTING

Compare and contrast Earth and Venus based on the passage given below.

## Earth's Twin: Venus

Venus looks like a very active planet. It has mountains and volcanoes like Earth. Venus is similar in size to Earth. The two planets weigh almost the same. In fact, it is believed that both planets formed around the same time. This is also the reason that Venus is sometimes called Earth's twin. Venus is unusual because it spins in the opposite direction of Earth and most other planets. And its rotation is very slow. It takes about 243 Earth days to spin around just once. Because it's so close to the Sun, a year goes by fast. It takes 225 Earth days for Venus to go all the way around the Sun. Venus does not have any moons.

Another interesting thing about Venus is that the Sun rises only two times during each year, unlike earth where the Sun rises and sets every day. Also, because Venus rotates backward, the Sun rises in the west and sets in the east. Venus also has clouds though they are not made up of water like on Earth but acid.

Compare	Contrast
The two planets weigh almost the same.	Venus spins in the opposite direction of Earth.

