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The Housing Evolution

Lesson 10 Critical Thinking

Comparing and Contrasting Facts

Comparing and contrasting facts require us to identify **similarities and differences** between two or more things.

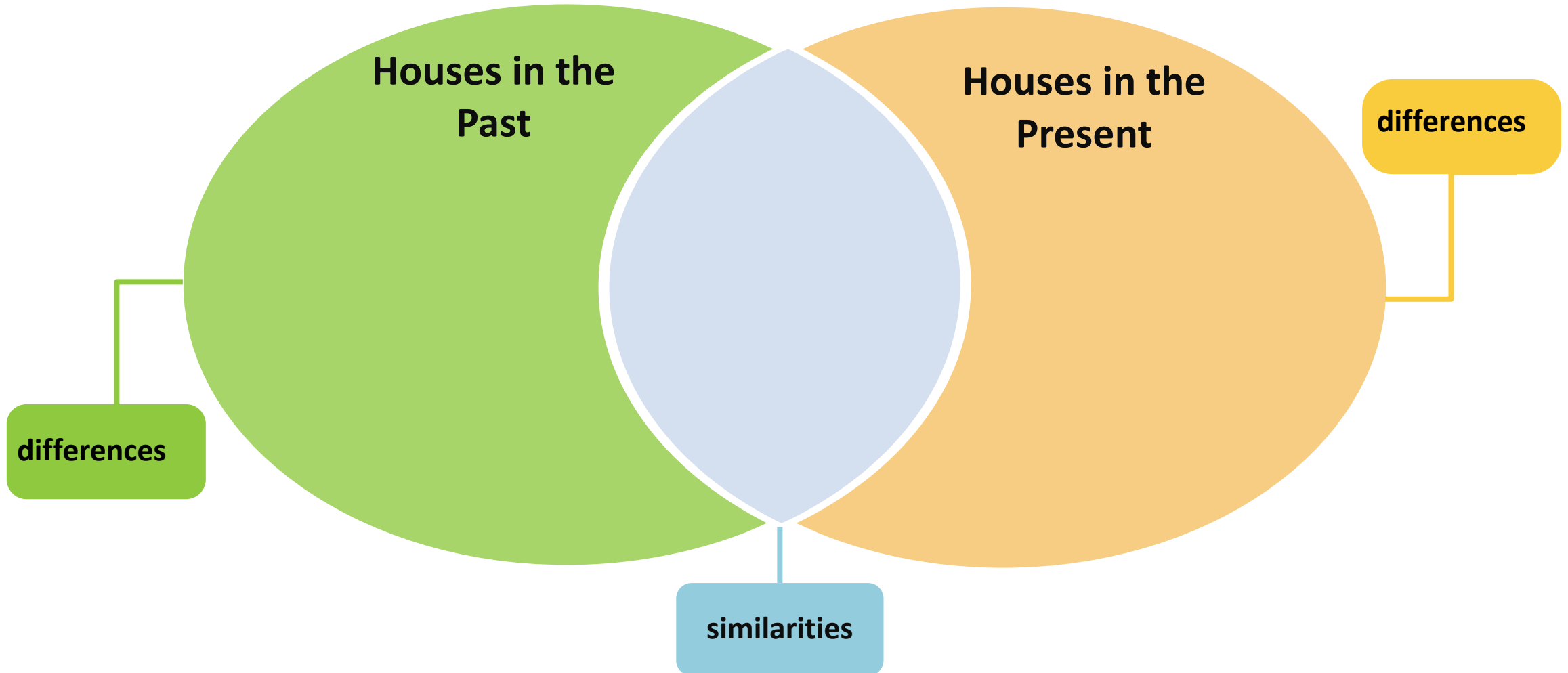


How did the essay compare the houses in the past and the present?



Venn Diagram

A Venn Diagram can be useful for making notes on **similarities** and **differences**.



LET'S ANALYZE

- **Underline the differences between housing in the past and present.**

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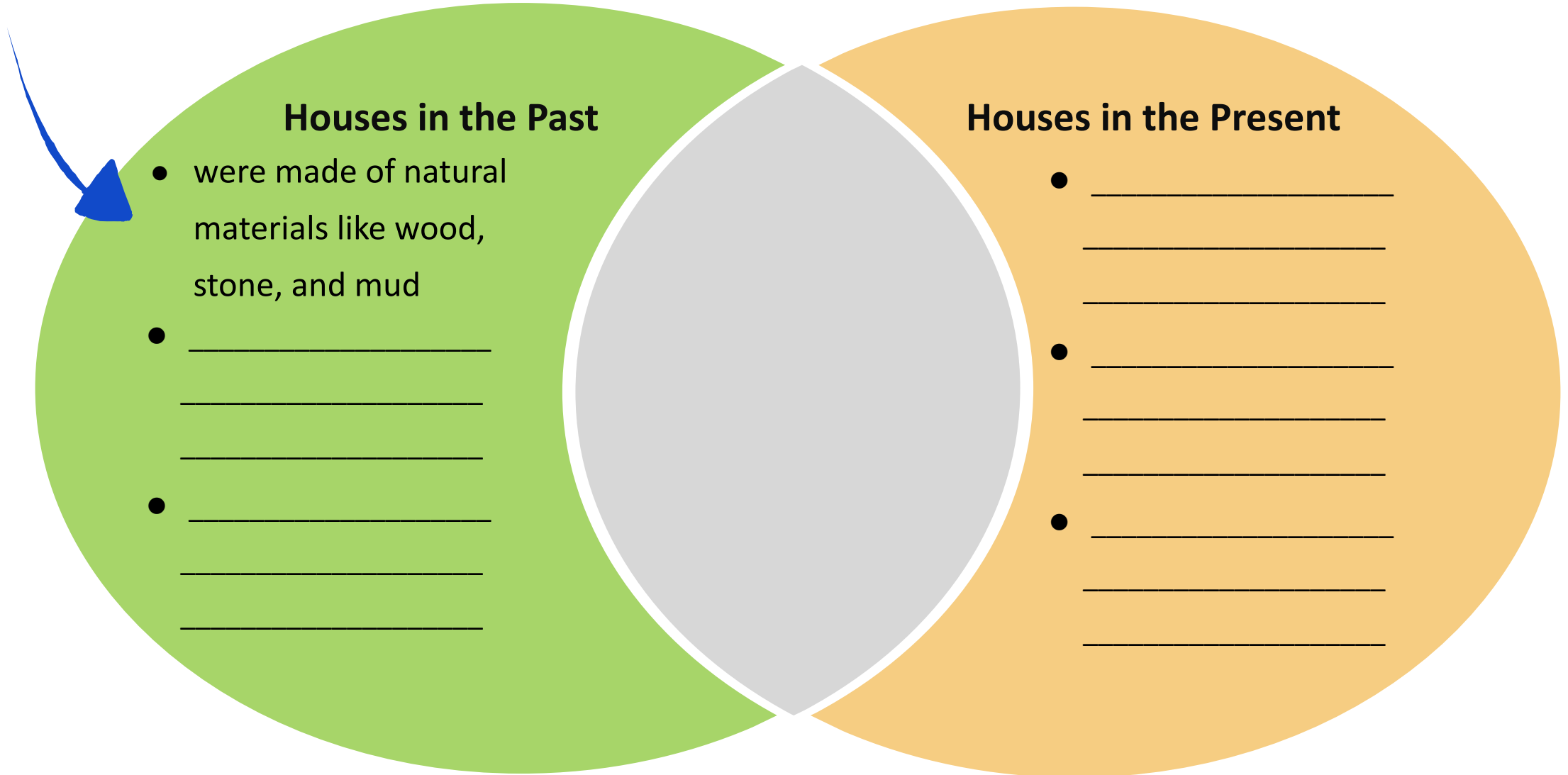
In the past, houses were made of natural materials like wood, stone, and mud. They were smaller and simpler than what we live in now, with only a few rooms for cooking and sleeping. A traditional house had basic rooms including a living room, kitchen, dining room, and one or two bedrooms. Standing in the rooms, you can feel the traces of daily life when people were living inside. An interesting fact is, although the first flush toilet was invented in 1596, it was only in the 19th century that indoor bathrooms became more common in houses.

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In contrast, today's houses are built with more durable materials including concrete, steel, and glass. Compared to traditional houses that only had basic rooms, modern houses now have more types of rooms such as a study room, tea room, and even a game room where friends can gather over video games! In addition, high-technology appliances make life at home more enjoyable and convenient. For instance, what used to be time-consuming chores like mopping and dishwashing are now just a click away with a mopping robot and a dishwasher. Moreover, why bother to travel to the theater when you can watch all your favorite movies on a large television at home?

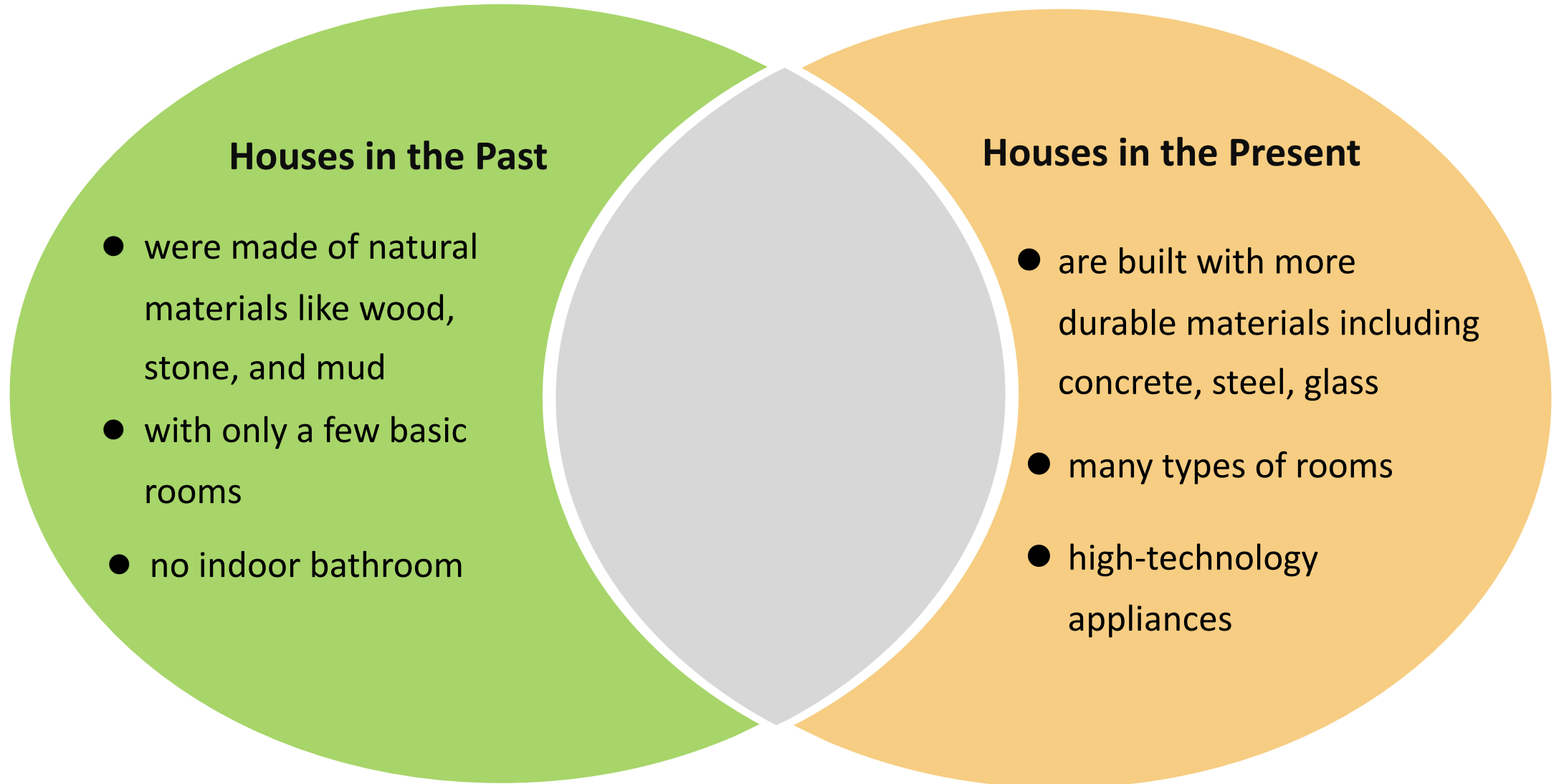
LET'S ANALYZE

Let's write the differences in the graphic organizer.



LET'S ANALYZE

Let's check the answers.



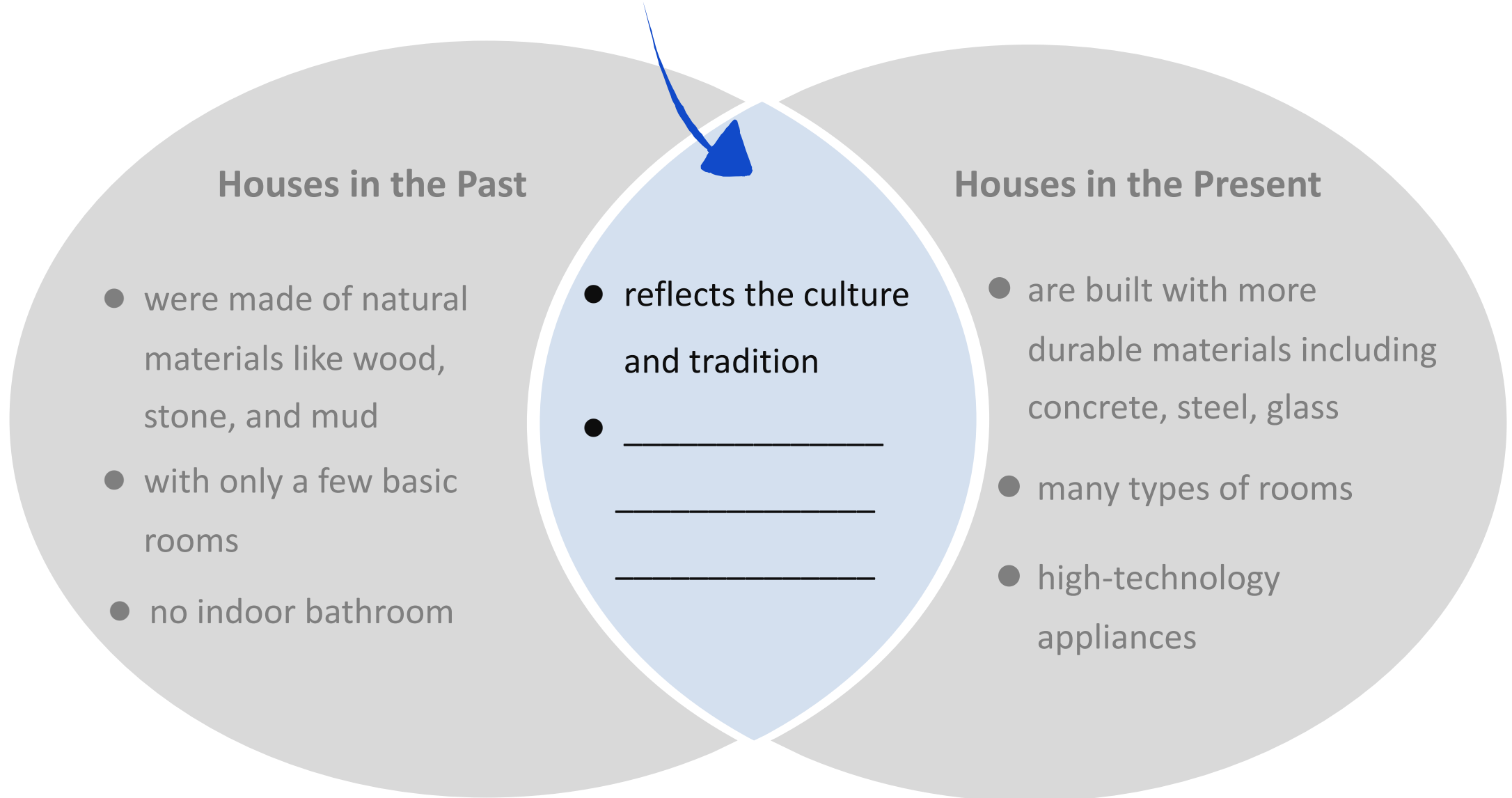
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Despite the changes in housing over the years, there are still some similarities between housing in the past and present. One similarity is, both past and present housing often reflects the culture and tradition of the people who live there. Additionally, as the most important similarity, they both provide a place to call home where we can relax, rest, and feel safe and warm. After all, it doesn't matter how traditional or modern one's house is, it is the peace and love inside that make it a true home.

- **Read the last paragraph and underline the similarities between housing in the past and present.**

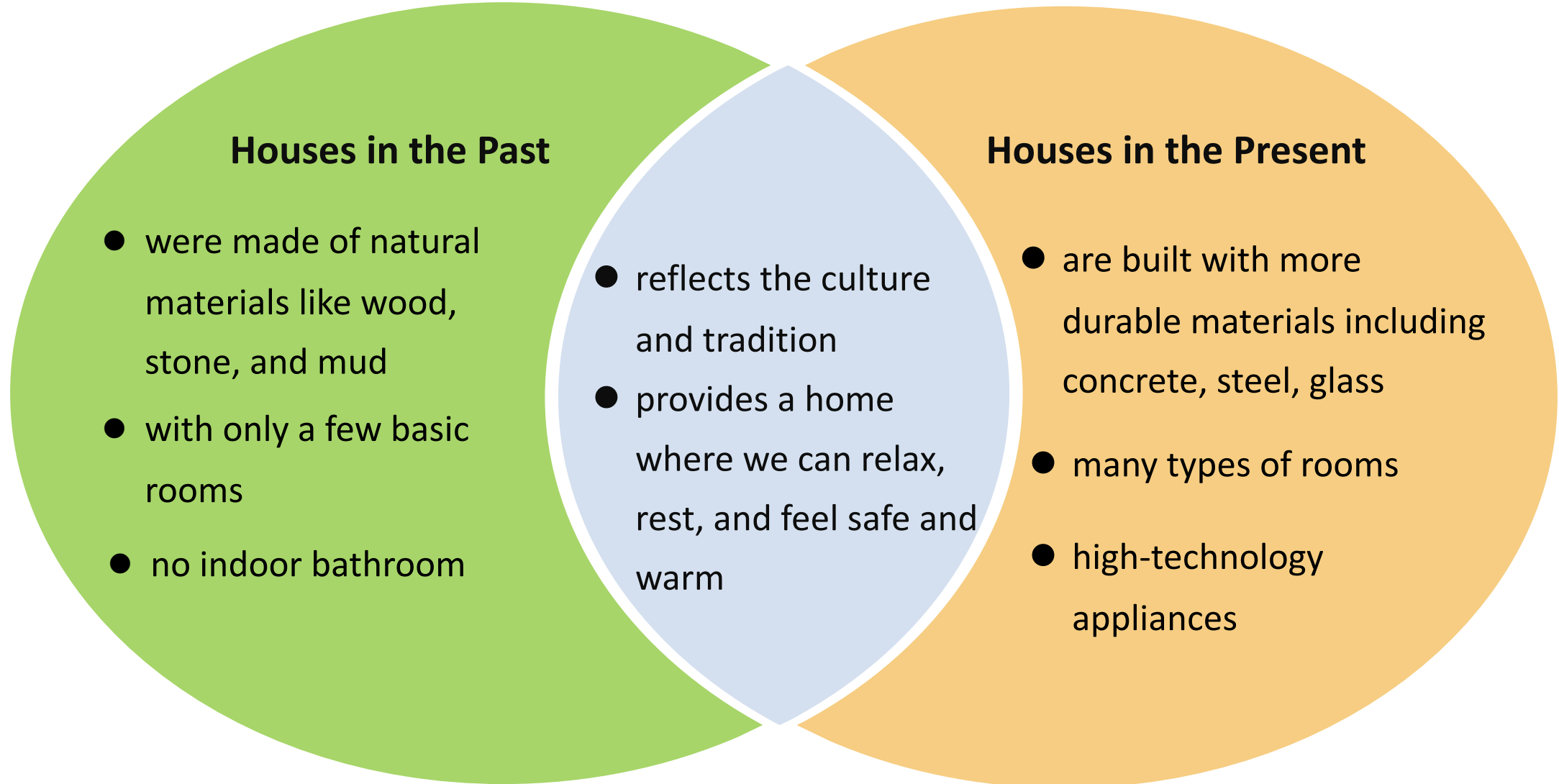
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Let's write the similarities in the graphic organizer.



LET'S ANALYZE

Let's check the possible answers.

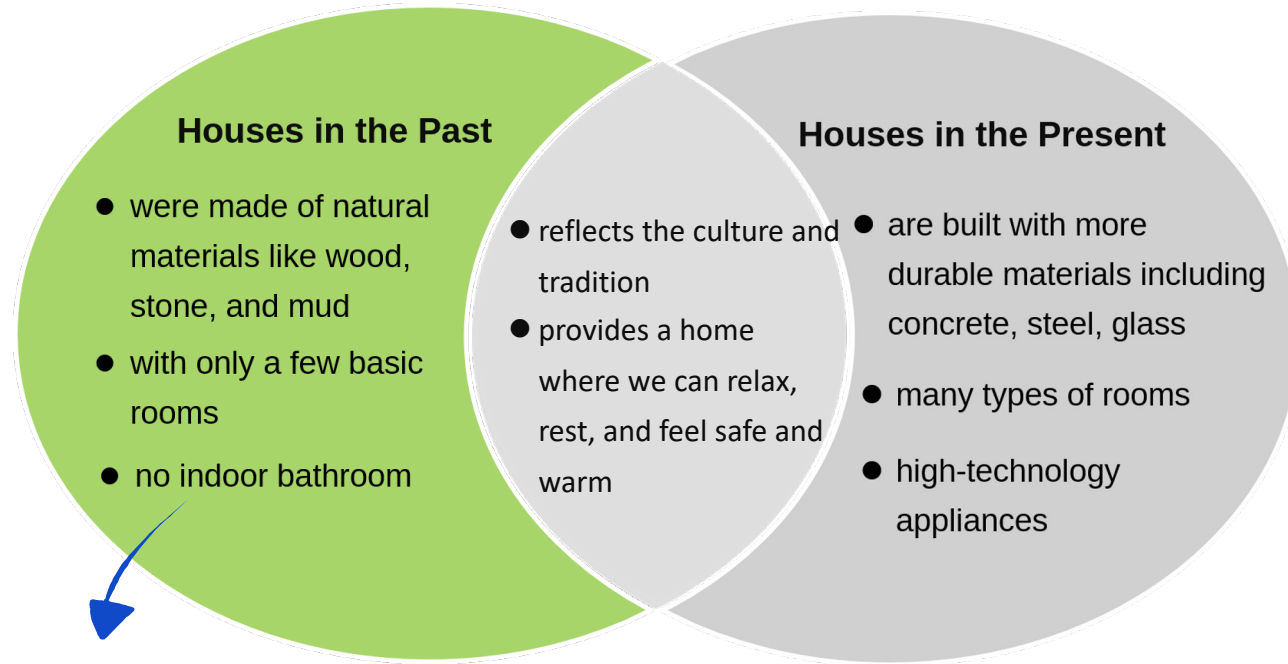


WRITING TASK



All the information we listed in the diagram can help our writing.

Look at the highlighted part and complete a paragraph based on the listed key points.



In the past, houses _____ .

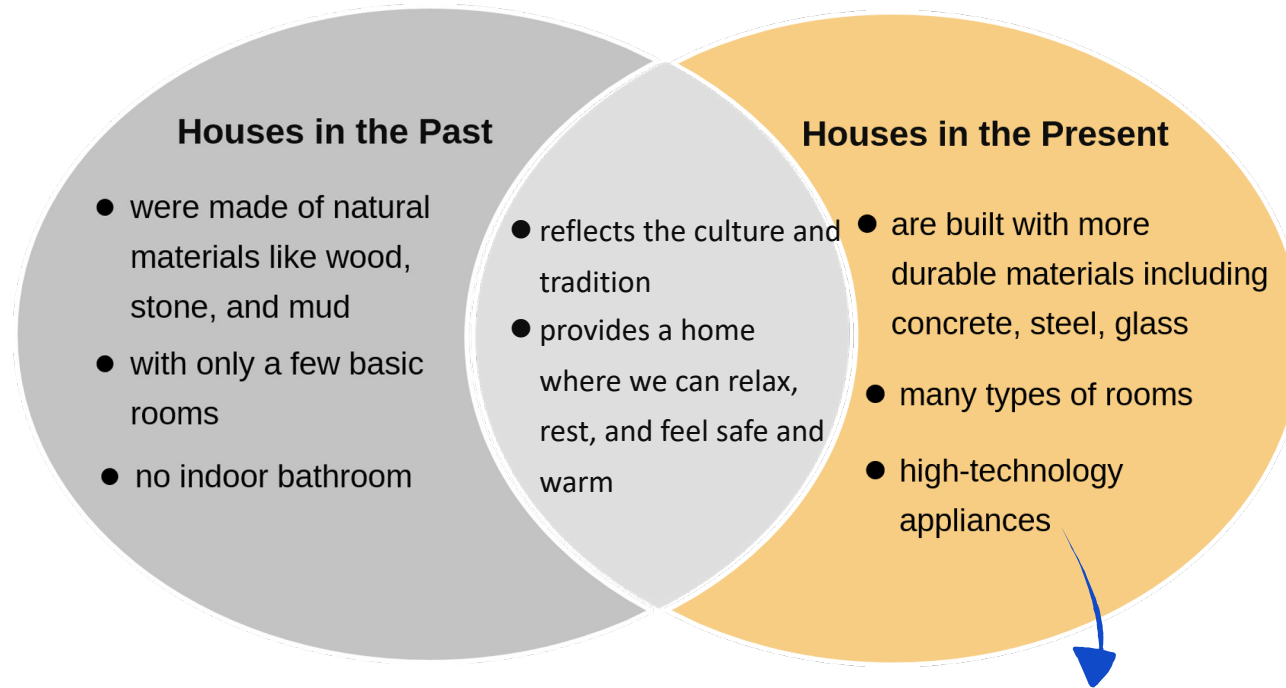
They only have _____ like _____ .

There was even no bathroom in the house!

WRITING TASK



Look at the highlighted part and complete a paragraph based on the listed key points.



In contrast, houses today _____.

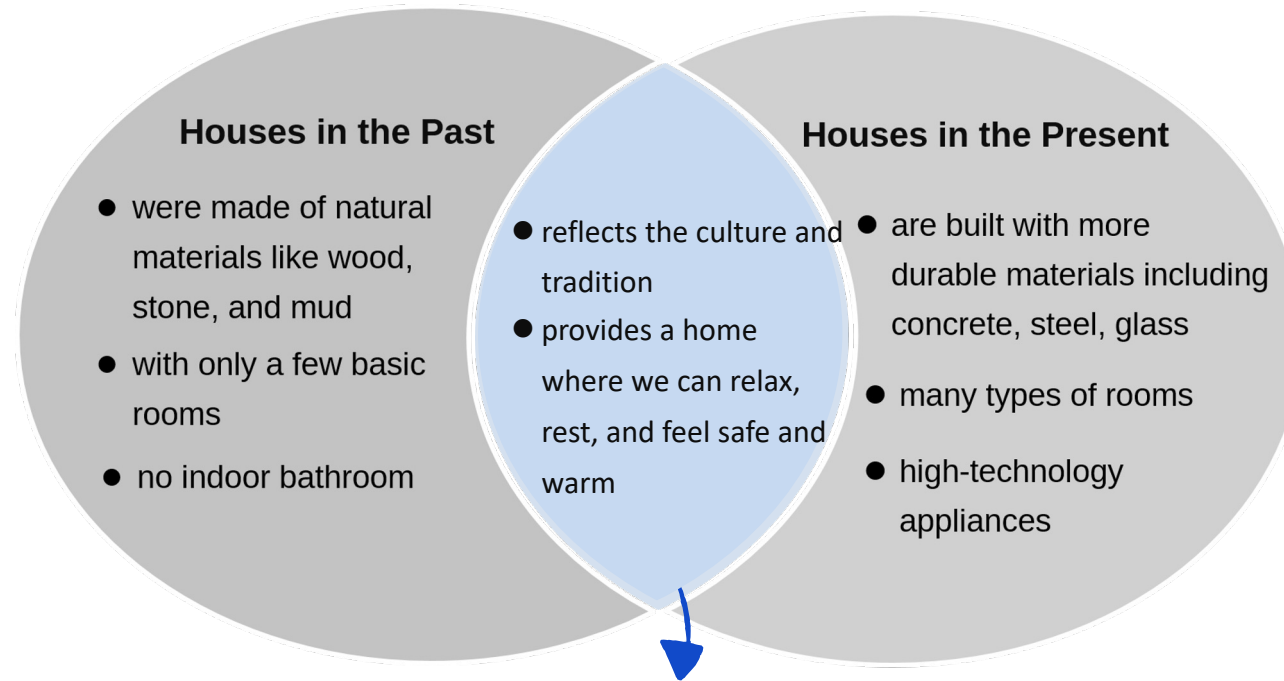
Modern houses have _____ like _____.

Moreover, _____ make our life _____.

WRITING TASK



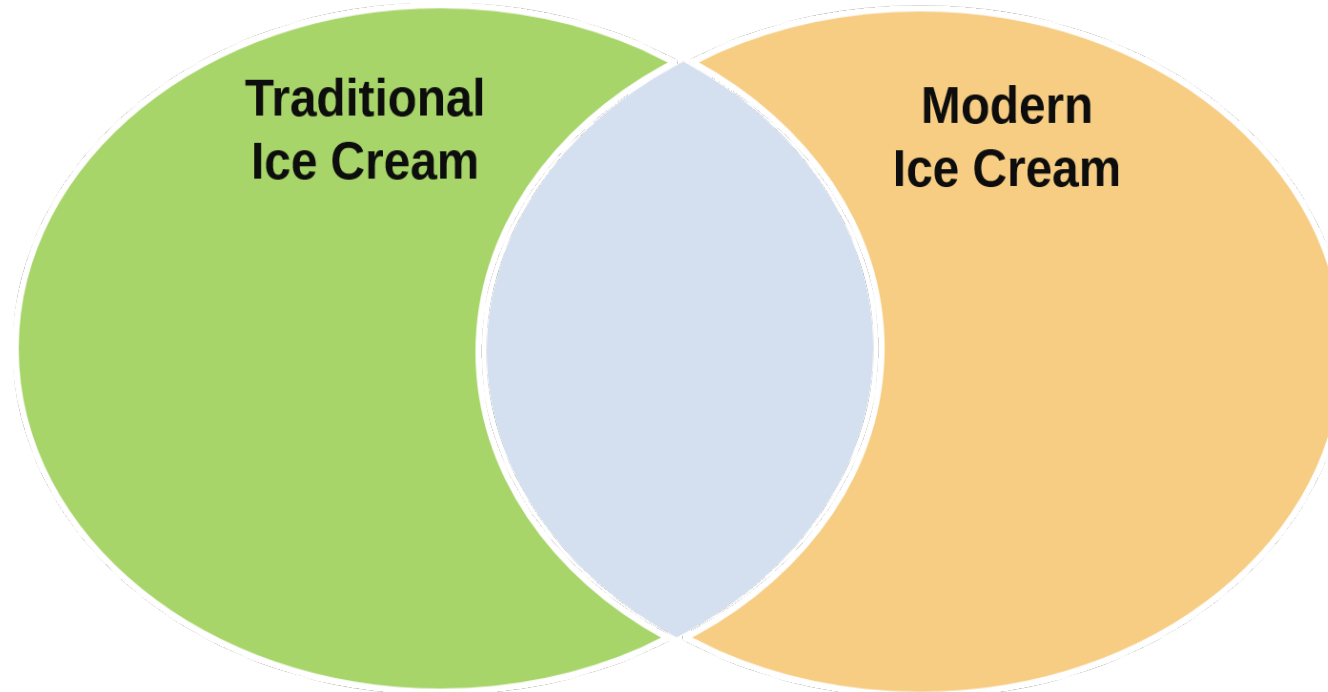
Complete the paragraph based on the information below.



However, there are still some similarities between _____ and _____ . One similarity is that _____ . The most important similarity is that they both _____ .



We use a Venn Diagram to compare and contrast between two things. In the student's book on page 23, compare traditional ice cream with modern ice cream by filling in the diagram. Then write a short paragraph about it.





WHAT'S NEXT...

In the next lesson, we're going to learn about the Past Simple and Past Continuous Tense.

See you next time!