

RATHER THAN

INSTEAD OF

AS OPPOSED TO

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Used to indicate preference.

**Is used in parallel structures e.g with
two nouns, adjectives, adverbs,
infinitives or ing form**

- We should focus on solutions rather than problems.
 - She worked quickly rather than slowly.
 - I decided to call rather than to text.
- They enjoy swimming rather than running.

2

INSTEAD OF

Used to indicate that one thing is being substituted or replaced by another.

- He drank water instead of coffee.
- She wore flats instead of heels to the party.
- He decided to cook dinner at home instead of ordering takeout.

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AS OPPOSED TO

Used to show contrast between two things.

- The company focuses on quality as opposed to quantity.
- I work better in the morning as opposed to the evening.
 - He is more of a listener as opposed to a talker.

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