

introduction

noun

▶ **Say it:** in • tro • **duc** • tion **57** **Write it:** _____

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meanings

1. the act of meeting a person and sharing names for the first time

2. the first part of a book, paper, or speech that tells you what the topic is going to be

Synonym: beginning

Examples

1. "Nice to _____ you!" is something a person often says
_____ an **introduction** to someone else.

2. The U.S. _____ has a famous **introduction**.



Forms

- **Singular:** introduction
- **Plural:** introductions

Family

- **Verb:** introduce
- **Adjective:** introductory

Word Partners

- brief _____ I quickly skimmed the book's **brief introduction** before beginning the first chapter.

Verbal Practice

Talk about It Read each sentence and think about how you would complete it.

Discuss your idea with your partner using the sentence frame.

Listen carefully to your partner's and classmates' ideas.

Write your favorite idea in the blank.

- 1 People should _____ during an **introduction**.
- 2 _____ needs no **introduction**—she's so popular that everyone knows who she is.
- 3 The **introduction** of a textbook usually has information about _____.
- 4 The speaker had to wait for the _____ to stop before she could begin the **introduction** of her speech.

Writing Practice

Collaborate Work with your partner to complete the sentence using the correct form of **introduction** and appropriate content.

The purpose of the _____ in an essay is to tell the reader

_____.

Your Turn Work independently to complete the sentence using the correct form of **introduction** and appropriate content.

I _____ read the _____ of my textbooks because

_____.

Be an Academic Author Work independently to write two sentences using Meaning 2 of **introduction**. In your first sentence, use **introduction** in the *singular form*. In your second sentence, use **introduction** in the *plural form*.

① _____

② _____

grammar tip

Count nouns name things that can be counted. Count nouns have two forms, singular and plural. To make most count nouns plural, add **-s**.

We had to rewrite our essay introductions.

He likes board games.

Write an Academic Paragraph Complete the paragraph using the correct form of **introduction** and original content.

Whether you're writing a research paper or a _____¹ for class, it's important to begin your work with a strong _____². In a shorter written piece, such as a paragraph, the introduction is usually your _____³ sentence. It's important for short _____⁴ to be as concise and direct as possible. In contrast, _____⁵ for essays and papers are much longer, usually one or two paragraphs. Longer introductions allow you to _____⁶ your topic with greater detail. No matter what you write, an excellent _____⁷ helps your readers _____⁸ your argument and makes them want to keep reading.