

characteristic

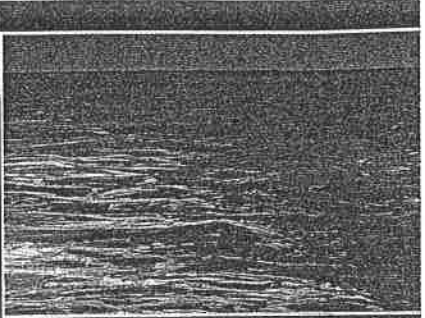
noun

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► Say it: char • ac • ter • is • tic Write it: _____

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meaning	Example
a quality or feature of a person or thing <i>Synonym:</i> trait	One characteristic of the ocean is that it is very _____.
Forms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Singular:</i> characteristic • <i>Plural:</i> characteristics 	Family <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Verb:</i> characterize • <i>Adjective:</i> characteristic • <i>Adverb:</i> characteristically
Word Partners	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • common _____ • key _____ • share a/the _____ 	A common characteristic of babies is that they cry frequently. Feathers are a key characteristic of birds. All of the Murphy children share the characteristics of red hair and freckles.



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 My friends and I share a **characteristic:** we all like

② One key **characteristic** that I like about my house is that it

Writing Practice

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

_____ is the most important _____ of a good movie.

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

Two key _____ of my appearance are that I have _____ and that I often wear _____.

Be an Academic Author Work independently to write two sentences. In your first sentence, use *characteristic* in the *singular form*. In your second sentence, use *characteristic* in the *plural form* and include a word partner.

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*.

Identical twins share physical characteristics. He likes board games.

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

What are the most important characteristics of a good friend? Every friendship is different, but there are a few common _____ ① that everyone should have in order to be a trusted friend. First, it is _____ ② to be an attentive listener. Second, you need to spend enough _____ ③ with your friends. Third, a key _____ ④ of a good friend is honesty. A good friend is someone who listens to their friends' _____ ⑤, gives honest _____ ⑥, and makes plenty of time to _____ ⑦ with their friends. If your friends share these _____ ⑧, you have probably chosen good friends.