

# challenge

noun



Say it: chal • lenge

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Write it: \_\_\_\_\_

## Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

### Meaning

a difficult task that requires a lot of effort

### Example

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### Forms

- *Singular:* challenge
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### Family

- *Verb:* challenge
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### Word Partners

- face a/the \_\_\_\_\_ Many families face the challenge of finding enough money to send their children to college every year.
- major \_\_\_\_\_ Climbing Mount Everest would be a major challenge for anyone.
- present a \_\_\_\_\_ Public speaking presents a challenge for many people.

## Verbal Practice

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

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

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**grammar tip**

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