

contribution

noun

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► Say it: con • tri • bu • tion

Write it: _____

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meanings

1. money or resources you give to something

Synonym: donation

Examples

1. Everyone made a contribution of _____ dollars to buy Sam a birthday _____.



2. something you do or say to help others

2. Mike's contributions on the _____ field helped his team _____ the game.



Forms

- Singular: contribution
- Plural: contributions

Family

- Verb: contribute

Word Partners

- important _____
- major _____
- significant _____

The light bulb was an important contribution to technology.
 Rosa Parks made a major contribution to the civil rights movement.
 I hope to make a significant contribution to the field of architecture someday.

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 Animal shelters rely on contributions of items such as _____.
- 2 Students at our school recently collected contributions for _____.
- 3 School newspapers often feature contributions by students about topics like _____.
- 4 _____ has made many contributions to world peace.

Writing Practice

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

Some streets in this neighborhood, such as _____, are named after people who have made significant _____ to our community.

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

I think that _____ has made an important _____ to the field of _____.

Be an Academic Author Work independently to write two sentences using Meaning 2 of **contribution**. In your first sentence, use **contribution** in the *plural form* with the quantifier *many*. In your second sentence, use **contribution** in the *singular form* and include a word partner.

- ① _____

② _____

grammar tip

Quantifiers are words that tell us how much or how many of something there is. They usually come before the noun they describe.

She has made many contributions to our team.

He has a few ideas.

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

Many people feel that social networking Web sites like Facebook and _____
① _____ have made significant _____
② _____ to the way people communicate. These Web sites make it possible to _____
③ _____ with friends and family members all over the world. However, some people argue that social networking Web sites also _____
④ _____ to a number of problems for Internet users. One concern is that these Web sites facilitate _____
⑤ _____ like cyber bullying and online stalking. Another concern is that these Web sites encourage people to spend more time _____
⑥ _____ with people over the computer than face-to-face. Nevertheless, while these are legitimate concerns, there is no doubt that social networking Web sites are valuable _____
⑦ _____ to the way people stay in touch today.