

emphasis

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► Say it: em • pha • sis

Write it: _____

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meaning	Example
<p>the special importance given to something</p> <p><i>Synonym:</i> significance</p>	<p>Our science teacher puts a lot of emphasis on _____ whenever we work with _____ in class.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Singular:</i> emphasis • <i>Plural:</i> emphases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Verb:</i> emphasize • <i>Adjective:</i> emphatic
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • greater _____ • place _____ on something • put an _____ on something 	<p>Our Spanish teacher puts greater emphasis on developing our conversation skills than doing vocabulary drills.</p> <p>Our school places emphasis on students becoming global citizens.</p> <p>My parents put an emphasis on schoolwork over everything else.</p>



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 Of all my hobbies, I put the most **emphasis** on _____ because it's my favorite.
- 2 In an English class, the teacher usually places **emphasis** on reading _____ and writing _____.

Writing Practice

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

Our school should put less _____ on grades and greater _____ on _____.

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

When I am 40 years old, I think the main _____ in my life will be on _____.

Be an Academic Author Work independently to write two sentences. In your first sentence, use emphasis in the *singular form*. In your second sentence, use emphasis with the word partner *put an emphasis on*.

① _____

② _____

grammar tip

The plural form of *emphasis*, *emphases*, is rarely used in speaking or writing.

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

It can be _____ ① to balance your school life and your personal life. You can't put greater _____ ② on one part of your life over the other because both of them are _____ ③. However, with proper planning, you can make sure that you give enough _____ ④ to both. Some students find it helpful to make detailed _____ ⑤ that list all of their priorities in order of importance. Other students _____ ⑥ schedules that help them keep track of the different activities in their life, such as _____ ⑦ and doing homework. Whichever method you choose to manage the different parts of your life, finding a balance will help you make time to enjoy them all.