

essential

adjective

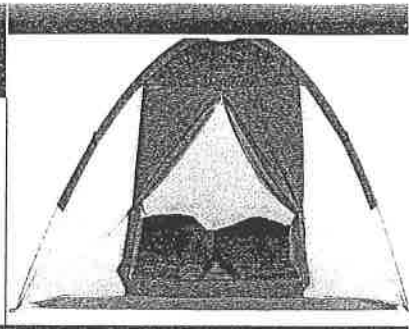


► Say it: es • sen • tial

Write it: _____

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meaning	Example
necessary or very important <i>Antonym:</i> nonessential	A _____ and a sleeping bag are essential items for _____.



- *Noun:* essence
- *Adverb:* essentially

- absolutely _____
- _____ part of
- play an _____ role

When you ride in a car, it is **absolutely essential** that you wear a seatbelt.
Emotions are an **essential part of** being human.
Citizen protests **played an essential role** in the downfall of the Tunisian and Egyptian governments in 2011.

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 If you're going on a long bus trip, it's **absolutely essential** to bring _____.
- 2 _____ is an **essential** ingredient in cake.