

# contribute



verb

► Say it: con • trib • ute

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

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meanings		Examples
1. to give money or resources to something <i>Synonym:</i> donate	1. Each _____ contributed one can of _____ for the food drive at school.	
2. to participate in a group by saying or doing something	2. Teachers expect _____ to contribute to class by _____ in discussions.	
Forms		Family
<i>Present:</i> I/You/We/They He/She/It	contribute contributes	• <i>Noun:</i> contribution
<i>Past:</i>	contributed	
Word Partners		
• _____ to the development of something	Hormones contribute to the development of every human being.	

## 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 It's helpful when people contribute items such as \_\_\_\_\_ homeless shelters.
- ② In the past, my family has contributed \_\_\_\_\_ to people in n
- ③ In a group project, students can contribute in a variety of ways, such as by \_\_\_\_\_.
- ④ Our class could contribute to the local community by \_\_\_\_\_.

## Writing Practice

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

Some students don't like to \_\_\_\_\_ in class because they \_\_\_\_\_.

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

One group that I have \_\_\_\_\_ to in my school or community is \_\_\_\_\_, where I \_\_\_\_\_.

**Be an Academic Author** Work independently to write two sentences using Meaning 2 of **contribute**. In your first sentence, use **contribute** in the *simple present tense*. In your second sentence, use **contribute** in the *present perfect tense*.

① \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 ② \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

### grammar tip

The present perfect tense is formed with *has/have + the past participle form of the verb*. To make the past participle of regular verbs, add *-ed* or *-d*.

She has contributed her ideas to the project.  
 I have received a letter.

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

People often wonder whether happiness can be measured. For instance, is happiness how many \_\_\_\_\_<sup>①</sup> a person has or how much money he or she makes? Studies suggest that people are actually happiest when they \_\_\_\_\_<sup>②</sup> to a group. Whether they're rich or poor, people like to feel that they are \_\_\_\_\_<sup>③</sup> something larger than themselves. For example, many people enjoy \_\_\_\_\_<sup>④</sup> to groups that do charitable work, such as \_\_\_\_\_<sup>⑤</sup>. Other people work with their neighbors and plan ways to \_\_\_\_\_<sup>⑥</sup> to neighborhood improvements, such as picking up litter. Joining a \_\_\_\_\_<sup>⑦</sup> in your community can help you meet more people and discover ways to make contributions to your neighborhood.