

# contribution

noun

► Say it: con • tri • <sup>#29</sup>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 \_\_\_\_\_ The light bulb was an **important contribution** to technology.
- major \_\_\_\_\_ Rosa Parks made a **major contribution** to the civil rights movement.
- significant \_\_\_\_\_ 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.