

# development

noun

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► Say it: de • vel • op • ment

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

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

| Meanings   | Examples  |
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| 1. the growth or progress of something                         | 1. The weather _____ is tracking the development of a major _____.    |
| 2. an event that changes a situation<br><i>Synonym:</i> change | 2. The _____ on TV lets us know about recent developments in a _____. |



| Forms   | Family  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Singular:</i> development</li> <li>• <i>Plural:</i> developments</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Verb:</i> develop</li> <li>• <i>Adjectives:</i> developed, developing, developmental</li> </ul> |

**Word Partners**

• stage of \_\_\_\_\_ An egg is the first stage of development in the life of a frog.

## 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.

- To encourage the **development** of children in school, parents and teachers should \_\_\_\_\_.
- The most important recent **development** in technology is \_\_\_\_\_.
- I couldn't go to the \_\_\_\_\_, so my friend texted me frequently to let me know about any **developments**.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is a useful online tool for following **developments** in the lives of people I know.

## Writing Practice

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

- ① Our school should work on the \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_ program.
- ② When there is a recent \_\_\_\_\_ in someone's life such as a breakup, other people usually find out about it from \_\_\_\_\_.

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

- ① The \_\_\_\_\_ of an interesting story or movie is usually marked by a dramatic event such as \_\_\_\_\_.
- ② One recent \_\_\_\_\_ in my life is that I \_\_\_\_\_.

**Be an Academic Author** Work independently to write two sentences. In your first sentence, use development in the *singular form*. In your second sentence, use development in the *plural form*.

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### grammar tip

Count nouns name things that can be counted. Count nouns have two forms, singular and plural. To make most count nouns plural, add *-s*.

I like to follow news developments online.

He likes board games.

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

From scripted dramas to sitcoms, a significant amount of \_\_\_\_\_  
 goes into a TV episode before it airs. Each episode starts with an idea that writers  
 \_\_\_\_\_ into a script. Then, editors make sure the script is not too  
 short or too \_\_\_\_\_ for the time slot. Once the script is final, actors  
 \_\_\_\_\_ their lines and consider the \_\_\_\_\_ of  
 their characters. Meanwhile, dozens of people \_\_\_\_\_ behind the scenes  
 to produce costumes, scenery, and sound effects. The \_\_\_\_\_ of just a  
 few minutes of entertainment requires many people working together.