

expertise

noun

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► Say it: ex • per • tise

Write it: _____

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meaning

special skills or knowledge about a subject

Example

A veterinarian's area of expertise is _____.



Family

- **Noun:** expert
- **Adjective:** expert
- **Adverb:** expertly

Word Partners

- area of _____ Basketball is LeBron James's **area of expertise**.
- gain _____ I am hoping to **gain expertise** in computers so I can become a software programmer.
- share (my/your/his/her/our/their) _____ Next week a zoologist is going to visit our biology class and **share her expertise** on endangered animals.

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 want to be a doctor, you need to gain expertise in _____.
- 2 My teacher knows a lot, but I don't think _____ is within _____ area of expertise.

Writing Practice

Collaborate Work with your partner to complete the sentence using **expertise** and appropriate content.

When I have problems with _____, I usually ask someone I trust, like my _____, to lend his or her _____.

Your Turn Work independently to complete the sentence using **expertise** and appropriate content.

_____ is definitely within my area of _____.

Be an Academic Author Work independently to write two sentences. In your first sentence, use **expertise** with the word partner *area of expertise*. In your second sentence, use **expertise** with the word partner *gain expertise*.

① _____

② _____

grammar tip

Non-count nouns name things that can't be counted. Non-count nouns have only one form. Do not add an -s to a non-count noun.

Art is my area of **expertise**.
The **water** is frozen.

Write an Academic Paragraph Complete the paragraph using **expertise** and original content.

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