

# emphasis

noun

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► Say it: em • pha • sis

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

Academic Vocabulary Toolkit

Meaning	Example
<p>the special importance given to something</p> <p><i>Synonym:</i> significance</p>	<p>Our science teacher puts a lot of <b>emphasis</b> on _____ whenever we work with _____ in class.</p>
<p><b>Forms</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Singular:</i> emphasis</li> <li>• <i>Plural:</i> emphases</li> </ul>	<p><b>Family</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Verb:</i> emphasize</li> <li>• <i>Adjective:</i> emphatic</li> </ul>
<p><b>Word Partners</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• greater _____</li> <li>• place _____ on something</li> <li>• put an _____ on something</li> </ul>	



## 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 Of all my hobbies, I put the most **emphasis** on \_\_\_\_\_ because it's my favorite.
- 2 In an English class, the teacher usually places **emphasis** on reading \_\_\_\_\_ and writing \_\_\_\_\_.

## Writing Practice

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

Our school should put less \_\_\_\_\_ on grades and greater \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.

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

When I am 40 years old, I think the main \_\_\_\_\_ in my life will be on \_\_\_\_\_.

**Be an Academic Author** Work independently to write two sentences. In your first sentence, use **emphasis** in the *singular form*. In your second sentence, use **emphasis** with the word partner *put an emphasis on*.

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

grammar tip

The plural form of *emphasis*, *emphases*, is rarely used in speaking or writing.

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

It can be \_\_\_\_\_ ① to balance your school life and your personal life.

You can't put greater \_\_\_\_\_ ② on one part of your life over the other because both of them are \_\_\_\_\_ ③. However, with proper planning, you can make sure that you give enough \_\_\_\_\_ ④ to both. Some students find it helpful to make detailed \_\_\_\_\_ ⑤ that list all of their priorities in order of importance. Other students \_\_\_\_\_ ⑥ schedules that help them keep track of the different activities in their life, such as \_\_\_\_\_ ⑦ and doing homework. Whichever method you choose to manage the different parts of your life, finding a balance will help you make time to enjoy them all.