

factor

noun

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► Say it: fac • tor

Write it: _____

Vocabulary Toolkit

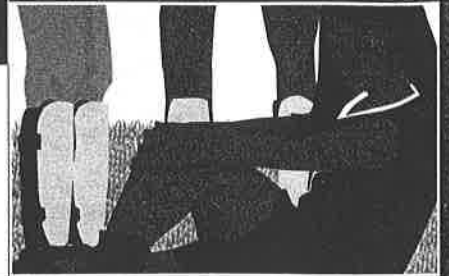
Meaning

something that affects a situation

Synonyms: cause, reason

Example

Not wearing protective _____ is often a **factor** in _____ injuries.



Forms

- *Singular:* factor
- *Plural:* factors

Family

- *Verb:* factor

Word Partners

- contributing _____ Texting while driving is a **contributing factor** in many car accidents.
- key _____ The thunderstorm was a **key factor** in our decision to cancel the picnic.
- significant _____ Price will be a **significant factor** in what I decide to get my best friend for his birthday.

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 One **factor** that can contribute to a bad grade on a test is _____.

- ② _____ and _____ are two **factors** that your teacher considers when he or she calculates your final grade.

Writing Practice

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

_____ is often a contributing _____ to poor health.

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

Time is a key _____ in whether or not I can participate in _____ during the school year.

Be an Academic Author Work independently to write two sentences. In your first sentence, use **factor** in the *singular form* and include a word partner. In your second sentence, use **factor** in the *plural form*.

① _____

② _____

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

Depression is a serious illness that _____^① millions of teenagers and adults in the United States. There are a number of genetic and environmental _____^② that can contribute to depression. First, if your mother or father had depression, there is an increased _____^③ that you will develop it also. Second, if you suffer from anxiety, you are also more likely to _____^④ depression. Third, a wide variety of environmental _____^⑤ can trigger episodes of depression. These include the loss of a loved one, such as a _____^⑥, experiencing emotional or physical trauma, and suffering abuse. Although none of these _____^⑦ guarantees that you will become depressed, it is important to be aware of the possibility and contact a mental health professional if you suspect that you or someone you know is experiencing depression.

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*.

There were many contributing factors to the team's loss.

He likes board games.